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THE OPIOID FILES

Pain pills plunge, but fatal overdoses surge

BY STEVEN RICH AND DAVID OVALLE

The number of prescription opioid pain pills shipped in the United States plummeted nearly 45 percent between 2011 and 2019, new federal data shows, even as fatal overdoses rose to record levels as users increasingly used heroin, and then illegal fentanyl.

Counties that had highest legal doses later saw top fentanyl death rates

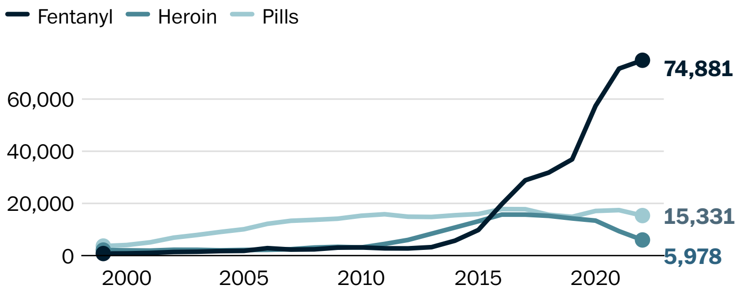
The data confirms what's long been known about the arc of the nation's addiction crisis: Users first got hooked by pain pills saturating the nation, then turned to cheaper and more readily available street drugs after law enforcement crackdowns, public outcry and changes in how the medical community views prescribing opioids to treat pain.

The drug industry transaction data, collected by the Drug Enforcement Administration and released Tuesday by attorneys involved in the massive litigation against opioid industry players, reveals that the number of prescription hydrocodone and oxycodone pills peaked in 2011 at 12.8 billion pills, and dropped to fewer than 7.1 billion by 2019. Shipments of potent 80-milligram oxycodone pills dropped 92 percent in 2019 from their peak a decade earlier.

Many of the counties with the SEE OPIOIDS ON A10

The three deadly waves of the opioid epidemic

As prescription pills dwindled, addicted users turned to heroin and fentanyl, driving historic numbers of overdose deaths.



Note: 2022 death data is provisional

Source: CDC mortality data

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"Many Libyans would say this was a disaster waiting to happen."
Mary Fitzgerald, Libya expert at the Middle East Institute think tank



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The city of Derna on Tuesday, after a storm in the Mediterranean Sea brought record rains that caused flooding in Libya. The city of about 90,000 people appeared to have suffered the worst of the deluge, which broke dams and swept away neighborhoods.

Thousands feared dead in Libya floods

Many remain missing as division between country's rival governments hinders humanitarian response

BY SARAH DADOUCH, MIRIAM BERGER AND LOUISA LOVELUCK

Thousands are feared to have died in floods that engulfed eastern Libya after Storm Daniel smashed into the North African country, swallowing whole neighborhoods and an unknown number of residents.

Raging torrents of water tore through two dams in Derna, the city affected most acutely, sweeping entire buildings into the sea. Othman Abdul Jalil, health minister and spokesman for the U.N.-recognized government in western Libya, told the local television channel al-Masar that the situation was continuing to deteriorate early Tuesday in the eastern city, and that at least 2,000 people had been found dead.

"I expect numbers of dead will rise to 10,000," he said.

Many parts of the city are still inaccessible. Derna is estimated to have had about 90,000 residents. The "casualty count will remain elusive until after the search-and-rescue efforts" have ceased, said Jessica Moussan, a spokesperson for the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Derna's deputy mayor, Ahmed Madroud, told Al Jazeera on Tuesday that "at least 20 percent of the city is destroyed."

"We call on friendly countries to help us save what is left of Derna," Abdul Jalil said. "The field hospital is filled with corpses."

Libya's infrastructure has suffered repeated blows during a civil war that broke out after the fall of Moammar Gaddafi in 2011. The country remains split between rival governments in the east and the west, a divide that has fueled confusion over casualty counts and the coordination of a humanitarian response.

Videos posted online by local residents, and later by Libyan and international media outlets, convey scattered hints of the scale of the devastation: rows of dead SEE LIBYA ON A14

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McCarthy tells panels to open Biden inquiry

PLACATES FAR RIGHT'S IMPEACHMENT CALLS

Speaker: Probe to center on son's business dealings

BY MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR AND AMY B WANG

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy on Tuesday directed House committees to open an impeachment inquiry into President Biden, a unilateral decision that appeared designed to appease hard-right lawmakers eager to intensify investigations of the president amid his reelection campaign.

The inquiry will center on whether Biden benefited from his son Hunter Biden's business dealings, among other issues, McCarthy (R-Calif.) said.

"These are allegations of abuse of power, obstruction and corruption, and warrant further investigation by the House of Representatives," McCarthy told reporters Tuesday morning. "That's why today I am directing our House committee to open a formal impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden. … We will go wherever the evidence takes us."

House Republicans have not put forth evidence directly showing that Biden benefited from his son's business dealings in Ukraine and elsewhere. They have aired allegations that the Justice Department stymied an investigation into Hunter Biden's financial dealings along with testimony about his penchant for touting the SEE IMPEACHMENT ON A6

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U.S. poverty spiked in 2022, reversing gains

BY KYLE SWENSON AND AMY GOLDSTEIN

U.S. poverty spiked last year, with child poverty more than doubling, the U.S. Census Bureau reported Tuesday, while the proportion of people lacking health insurance in 2022 dropped to an uncommonly low level.

The figures reflect the uneven pace at which the government has ceased some forms of coronavirus pandemic assistance as well as the calamitous effects of record inflation on household finances. Tuesday's data offers the first statistical snapshot of how the winding down of such programs as well as rising prices have begun reshaping the country.

The poverty rate, taking into account government aid programs to the poor, was 12.4 percent in 2022, up from 7.8 percent the previous year, the census data shows. That spike follows two years of declines and coincided with the end of increased child tax credit payments and other gov- SEE POVERTY ON A5

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Foes push to disqualify Trump from election

Lawyer with ties to GOP rivals joins those citing 14th Amendment

BY AMY GARDNER, PATRICK MARLEY AND YVONNE WINGETT SANCHEZ

A Republican election lawyer with ties to three of former president Donald Trump's GOP primary opponents has joined a crowded field of individuals and groups exploring whether the former president can be kept off the ballot for his role in fomenting the violent attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Jason Torchinsky, a partner with the Virginia law firm Holtzman Vogel, has in recent days initiated conversations about the idea of trying to disqualify Trump with a range of figures, including a Democratic secretary of state, fellow election lawyers and a retired federal judge who has helped lead the push to question Trump's eligibility, according to multiple people familiar with the calls, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations.

The lawyer's involvement reflects the latest escalation in an SEE TRUMP ON A4

Around the city, cracks in residents' peace of mind

A sharp rise in crime is driving up anxiety and prompting precautions

BY PAUL SCHWARTZMAN

Stephanie Heishman, a Northwest Washington event planner, knows she may sound almost absurdly cautious as she describes how, after a regular Sunday dinner at a friend's house five blocks away, she travels by car instead of walking home.

She has her reasons. A year ago, she was awakened by gunfire outside her Adams Morgan apartment building and from her seventh-floor window saw a car speeding away. In August, after a night out with friends, her Uber driver couldn't reach her building because police had blocked off a street where bullets had just killed two men and fatally wounded a third.

"It's so ridiculous," Heishman, 44, said of the precautions she takes to feel safer. "On the other hand, I don't want to randomly get shot."

Violent crime has long been a part of Washington life, the worst of it during the early 1990s when drug trafficking propelled the annual homicide toll to nearly 500 and D.C. earned an inglorious reputation as America's "Murder Capital."

The volume of carnage these days is not nearly as high, and SEE FEAR ON A8



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Sabel Harris, a D.C. advisory neighborhood commissioner, holds her dog on a block littered with broken glass from auto break-ins.

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FBI agent disputes whistleblowers on Hunter Biden meeting

BY JACQUELINE ALEMANY AND DEVLIN BARRETT



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IRS whistleblowers Gary Shapley, left, and Joseph Ziegler testify during a House committee hearing in July on the criminal investigation of Hunter Biden. The president's son is facing potential charges for alleged tax and gun violations after the collapse of a plea deal.

The FBI agent overseeing the investigation into Hunter Biden disputed whistleblower claims that the prosecutor in charge of the probe was stymied by the Justice Department, according to the transcript of an interview with lawmakers that took place last week and was obtained by The Washington Post.

The question-and-answer session sheds additional light on the long-running investigation, which has become a focal point for Republican allegations of wrongdoing and corruption by President Biden and his family. The younger Biden is facing potential criminal charges for alleged tax and gun violations after the collapse of a plea deal in July. But GOP lawmakers have claimed for years that Hunter Biden's alleged wrongdoing extends to efforts to use his father's name and influence to get lucrative business deals overseas.

While no concrete evidence has surfaced to support such theories, the Republican claims are a key element of the impeachment inquiry of the president that the House launched Tuesday. In addition, Republicans pointed to allegations by two IRS whistleblowers that the Justice Department stymied aspects of the Hunter Biden probe.

The interview transcript obtained by The Post pushed back on some of those claims, specifically that Delaware U.S. Attorney David Weiss told investigators he did not have authority to bring certain criminal charges against the president's son. But Thomas Sobocinski, who manages the FBI team involved in the probe, agreed with the IRS whistleblowers that Weiss had moved slowly in making a charging decision.

Weiss was appointed as the top federal prosecutor in Delaware during the Trump administration and launched the Hunter Biden investigation while Donald Trump was president. Attorney General Merrick Garland, a Biden administration appointee, kept Weiss on so he could continue the probe and pledged to give him full decision-making authority.

After the plea deal collapsed in July amid a dispute between Weiss's office and Hunter Biden's lawyers over whether it gave the younger Biden immunity from additional potential charges, Weiss asked Garland to make him a special counsel in the probe, which gives him a greater degree of independence and allows him to seek indictments in jurisdictions outside Delaware.

Key parts of Sobocinski's interview with lawmakers focused on an Oct. 7, 2022, meeting that Gary Shapley, one of the IRS whistleblowers, had earlier described to the lawmakers.

Shapley said Weiss told FBI and IRS agents during that meeting that Weiss was not the "deciding official on whether charges are filed." But Sobocinski, who was also there, said he did not hear Weiss say that and "never felt that [Weiss] needed approval" to bring charges.

Sobocinski, who is the special agent in charge of the FBI's Baltimore field office, noted there was "bureaucratic administrative process" Weiss had to work through to bring charges outside Delaware but that his understanding was "that [Weiss] had the authority to bring whatever he needed to do."

Pressed again on the issue later in the interview, he said, "I went into that meeting believing he had the authority, and I have left that meeting believing he had the authority to bring charges."

In the Justice Department, U.S. attorneys do not file charges outside their jurisdiction without the involvement of the local federal prosecutor's office. However, in the Hunter Biden case, Garland has insisted that Weiss could have sought a special-attorney designation — which is different from being named special counsel — to do so.

Sobocinski said he had no awareness of several other claims Shapley made about the Oct. 7 meeting, including that Weiss informed the group that U.S. District Attorney for D.C. Matthew Graves would not allow Weiss to charge Hunter Biden with tax violations in the nation's capital.

But he added that he while he had a "very high-level sense of IRS charges," he was not tracking the "minutia" of tax law nor the statute of limitations that was set to lapse on Hunter Biden's 2014 and 2015 tax returns. Sobocinski also said that he did not take any notes during the Oct. 7 meeting or send emails about it afterward. Shapley, in contrast, memorialized his takeaways from the meeting in notes and an email later that day.

Asked whether he felt that his recollections about the Oct. 7 meeting differed from Shapley's account, Sobocinski said he did, adding that he had conversations with "various members of the team" about the discrepancies.

"I wanted to make sure that if my team felt that there was any difference in — if they view this differently, then that becomes an operational matter for me to want to get — getting resolution," he told investigators.

A spokesman for Empower Oversight, the nonprofit whistleblower assistance group representing Shapley, defended Shapley's recollection of the meeting.

"Unfortunately, we haven't seen the leaked transcript, which makes it difficult to comment," the spokesman wrote in a statement. "While it's not unusual for people to have slightly different recollections of the same event, in this case, SSA Shapley took notes in real-time and that day emailed his summary of the meeting to several people, including his supervisor who contemporaneously corroborated his account — which is all very different from trying to recall information a year later with no notes."

A spokesman for the Justice Department declined to comment. A spokesman for Weiss declined to comment.

A spokesman for House Judiciary Chairman Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) did not speak to Sobocinski's testimony specifically but said Shapley and a second IRS whistleblower, Joseph Ziegler, "have been wholly consistent throughout their disclosures to Congress."

Sobocinski, who joined the Hunter Biden investigation in 2021, said that he had no awareness or recollection of conversations in which FBI officials working on the case lobbied for the appointment of a special counsel — a statement Ziegler made during his testimony based on discussions with his FBI counterparts.

"In coming forward to Congress, Joe has always sought to provide a fair, accurate and complete statement of the facts as he understands them," a lawyer for Ziegler said.

Sobocinski did tell the committee that he wanted Weiss to make a charging decision sooner. Throughout the interview, he expressed frustration with the pace and length of the investigation.

The Post reported a day before the Oct. 7 meeting that investigators believed there was enough evidence to charge Hunter Biden with tax and gun crimes. But no charging decision came until the plea deal was announced in June.

Sobocinski said the intense public interest in the case and the public identification of some of the agents involved led FBI agents and their families, including his own, to worry about their safety.

"I now have FBI employees that, names are out there," Sobocinski said, referring to the release of paperwork and testimony in the case. "I have FBI employees and former FBI retired agents who've served for 20-plus years whose parents are getting phone calls, whose photos with their girlfriends, who their children, who are being followed. That is not something that we were prepared for, and I was concerned about having that continue or expand to other one of my employees."

Sobocinski continues to work on the Hunter Biden investigation, which makes his interview with the House committee highly unusual. The Justice Department allows such sessions so as not to jeopardize the integrity of an investigation that is still underway.

At the start of the interview, a Justice Department attorney who accompanied Sobocinski said he was authorized to discuss the Oct. 7 meeting and Weiss's authority to seek charges against Biden, but would not answer questions that would compromise the criminal probe.

Perry Stein contributed to this report.





POLITICS & THE NATION

U.S. eclipses record for billion-dollar disasters

23 severe incidents this year have left damage estimated at $57.6B

BY BRADY DENNIS

Hurricane Idalia, which barreled through the Big Bend region of Florida late last month before battering other communities in Georgia and the Carolinas, thankfully wasn't the cataclysmic storm that forecasters had feared days before.

But the Category 3 hurricane, which caused widespread flooding in some communities, still left behind a costly trail of damage — and solidified an unsettling place in the record books.

Idalia became the 23rd "billion dollar" weather disaster to strike the United States this year, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported Monday, eclipsing the previous record of 22 set in 2020. And there are still four months left in this year, with the very real potential for more devastating weather ahead.

"It takes a lot to surprise me with all these extremes, but this year has been a surprise," said Adam Smith, a NOAA economist and scientist who analyzes weather- and climate-related disasters.

The record tally includes a startling number of severe storms that have wreaked havoc on wide swaths of the nation, from tornadoes that damaged homes and businesses across the South and Midwest, to destructive hailstorms from Minnesota and Colorado. The list also includes atmospheric rivers that dumped enormous amounts of rain on California, severe flooding in Vermont, and the horrific wildfire that decimated Lahaina on the Hawaiian island of Maui.

By NOAA's tally, the events so far this year have caused 253 direct and indirect fatalities and produced more than $57.6 billion in damage — a figure that probably will rise as officials continue to document losses from Tropical Storm Hilary in Southern California and drought that persisted across parts of the Midwest and South.

NOAA tracks disasters back to 1980, using an array of public and private data including insurance payouts and infrastructure damage to estimate their economic impact. Over time, there has been an unmistakable increase in the frequency and overall cost of such catastrophes across the country.

While the United States has experienced an average of about eight billion-dollar disasters annually over the past four decades, in the past five years, that average has jumped to nearly 18 events annually. Five of the past six years have seen total losses in excess of $100 billion, when adjusted for inflation.



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ABOVE: A man with a child looks at wildfire damage on Aug. 13 in Lahaina, Hawaii. LEFT: Flooded areas in Cedar Key, Fla., on Aug. 30 after Hurricane Idalia passed through the area. Though Idalia wasn't as strong of a weather disaster as it was predicted to be, it still left behind a costly trail of damage.

"The trends in frequency and cost for most of these different hazards continues to rise, and I don't see those trends changing anytime soon."

Adam Smith, economist and scientist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Smith recalls thinking that the 22 billion-dollar disasters in 2020 — a year that saw a deadly and destructive wildfire season in the West and multiple hurricanes such as Laura that slammed into the Gulf Coast — would probably not be eclipsed anytime soon.

"I thought, 'That record is probably going to stand for a while,'" he said. "Just three years later, we are shattering a record that had shattered previous records."

The reasons behind the rise in billion-dollar disasters involves multiple factors, including the fact that Americans have continued to flock to some of the most vulnerable areas, and ongoing development in disaster-prone spots has put ever more assets in harm's way.

But, scientists say, there is also no ignoring that climate change has played an unmistakable role.

"The climate has already changed, and neither the built environment nor the response systems are keeping up with the change," W. Craig Fugate, administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency during the Obama administration, said in an email.

July marked the warmest in NOAA's 174-year record, as heat waves stretched across large parts of the country and the globe. Researchers have documented repeatedly how the warming atmosphere is supercharging storms and fueling torrential rainfalls that overwhelm infrastructure.

Deepening droughts make landscapes more susceptible to wildfire. Hotter oceans create the conditions for rapidly strengthening hurricanes.

More frequent disasters also mean less time to prepare for each one. An analysis last fall by the research nonprofit Climate Central found that from 2017 to 2021, the nation experienced a billion-dollar disaster every 18 days on average, compared with 82 days between such events on average in the 1980s.

In many places, Fugate said, what building codes are in place often proves a key factor in determining how devastating a disaster is.

"It is really the story of short-sighted cost vs. longer-term savings," he wrote. "Many fight increasing building codes as too costly and making [homes] unaffordable, but on the other hand, we see the difference between what remains after a storm and what is destroyed."

The increasing number of disasters has compelled local governments and ordinary Americans alike to struggle with the sudden financial burdens such disasters can impose. Congress in recent years has approved a historic amount of funding aimed at modernizing the nation's infrastructure, but many places around the country must still grapple with aging pipes, roads and other systems built for a different century — and another climate.

For now, Smith remains concerned about what still lies ahead in 2023. Historically, some of the most costly disasters — monster hurricanes, voracious wildfires, ongoing droughts — have come in the latter half of the year.

He hopes after a record-breaking 2023 so far, a respite lies ahead. But the numbers suggest any break in billion-dollar disasters won't last for long.

"We've got more exposure plus more vulnerability plus the influence of climate change supercharging many of these extremes," he said. "The trends in frequency and cost for most of these different hazards continues to rise, and I don't see those trends changing anytime soon."

DIGEST

PENNSYLVANIA

Escaped convict steals rifle, heightening fears

A convicted killer who escaped from a Pennsylvania prison a week and a half ago stole a rifle from a garage Monday night and fled as the homeowner shot at him, police said Tuesday. News that the "extremely dangerous" fugitive is now armed has ratcheted up the fears of already-nervous residents in the Philadelphia suburbs.

Danelo Cavalcante, 34, has eluded hundreds of law enforcement officers, drones, helicopters and dogs since breaking out of prison in Chester County on Aug. 31 — a week after he was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of his ex-girlfriend. Prosecutors said he stabbed Deborah Brandao, 33, dozens of times in front of her two young children in August 2021. She had found out Cavalcante had a warrant for a 2017 murder in Brazil, where he was born. He killed her after she threatened to expose him to police, detectives said.

Police responded to a call at 10:10 p.m. Monday from a Chester County resident who said "a shirtless, Hispanic man had entered his garage and took a .22-caliber rifle," Pennsylvania State Police Lt. Col. George Bivens said Tuesday. The resident drew a pistol and fired at Cavalcante as the escapee fled with the rifle.

— Ben Brasch and Timothy Bella

MASSACHUSETTS

Up to 300 evacuated after heavy rain in city

Heavy rainfall flooded parts of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with two communities declaring a state of emergency as water poured into homes, leading to boat rescues of residents.

More storms were in the forecast for Wednesday, and winds and flooding from Hurricane Lee were expected to affect Rhode Island, eastern Massachusetts, southeastern New Hampshire, and central and coastal Maine during the weekend, forecasters said.

Up to 300 people were evacuated by Tuesday morning in Leominster, about 40 miles northwest of Boston, Mayor Dean Mazzarella said.

Matthew Belk, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Boston, said a trained spotter near Leominster recorded 9.5 inches of rain, describing it as a "200-year event."

Early Tuesday, the city asked people living in areas near a brook and the North Nashua River in Leominster to evacuate immediately as a precaution, "due to a potential issue at the Barrett Park Pond Dam."

— Associated Press

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BEDFORD	2918	804	TEASS TERRACE/RTE 804	NININGER CREEK	8/9/2023
PATRICK	13336	672	JOHNSON CR RD/RTE 672	JOHNSON CREEK	8/9/2023
PATRICK	13276	626	ABRAM PENN HWY/RTE 626	N. MAYO RIVER	8/1/2023

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Lawyer with ties to Trump rivals floats 14th Amendment

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emerging legal fight over a once-obscure provision of the Constitution. The tussle has produced surprising alliances, and analysts say it will probably end with a ruling on Trump's eligibility from the Supreme Court.

Torchinsky's firm has done legal work for the campaigns of former New Jersey governor Chris Christie and businessman Vivek Ramaswamy, as well as for Never Back Down, the political action committee promoting the presidential campaign of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Torchinsky, a longtime GOP election lawyer who has also represented the Republican National Committee, is researching the issue not for Trump's rivals but for Jacob Harriman, the founder of a nonpartisan service organization called More Perfect Union, Harriman said in a statement to The Washington Post.

"It is critical to understand if there is a legitimate risk of nominating a candidate who could be deemed to be ineligible for office," Harriman said. Torchinsky declined to comment.

The push to disqualify Trump adds to the already complicated web of legal battles consuming his 2024 campaign, which he is pursuing even as he faces four criminal prosecutions and several civil claims. One federal and one Georgia case accuse the former president of seeking to illegally overturn the 2020 election. Another federal case accuses him of mishandling classified documents after he left the White House. In New York, Trump is charged with falsifying business records in connection with hush money paid to adult-film actress Stormy Daniels during the 2016 campaign.

Yet the debate about Trump's eligibility reflects the growing anxiety among his critics that even as an alleged felon, he has a realistic chance of winning the election. Trump holds a commanding lead in polls over his Republican primary rivals, and national surveys show him neck and neck in a general-election showdown with President Biden.

At issue is a line in the 14th Amendment, ratified three years after the Civil War, to block from office any public official who had "engaged in insurrection or rebellion" — intended to prevent traitorous former Confederates from regaining power.

That seemingly antiquated provision is at the center of multiple legal skirmishes across the country over the potentially explosive modern-day question of whether Trump should be declared ineligible to return to the White House.

Advocacy groups and individual voters in at least a dozen states have filed or explored filing lawsuits to block Trump from state ballots next year. Lawyers on both sides have predicted that the dispute may ultimately be resolved by the Supreme Court. Legal challenges have been filed in New Hampshire and Wisconsin, among other states, with election officials and interest groups saying many more are probably on the way. On Tuesday, a liberal group filed suit in Minnesota. Advocates have debated whether to focus on the primary or the general-election ballot.

Two attempted challenges, in Florida, have already been thrown out on the grounds that the groups of voters bringing the cases lacked standing. A case in Colorado, filed last week by a group of voters and the D.C.-based Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, may fare better on that principle given a state law that allows any voter to challenge a candidate's eligibility.

In a sign of further escalation of the debate, the Trump campaign on Tuesday sent a letter to New Hampshire Secretary of State David Scanlan (R) — signed by scores of Republican state lawmakers — urging him not to remove Trump from the ballot.

"There is no legal basis for these claims to hold up in any legitimate court of law," the letter states. "The opinions of those perpetuating this fraud against the will of the people are nothing more than a blatant attempt to affront democracy and disenfranchise all voters and the former President."

State election officials are monitoring the expected challenges but have not acted themselves to try to bar Trump from the ballot. Several said in interviews that they believe they have no power to do so under the laws of their states. Instead they are looking to the Supreme Court, they said, to decide such an important and divisive constitutional matter — and to do so quickly, before the election is fully underway.

"There are very serious legal scholars on both sides of the aisle who hold opposing understanding of this provision," said Jena Griswold (D), the secretary of state in Colorado. "There needs to be some guidance from the courts."



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Violence erupted when a mob, encouraged by Donald Trump, gathered at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, to protest the results of the 2020 election. Now, in multiple states, legal efforts are underway to try to keep Trump off the ballot, citing the 14th Amendment's bar on those who "engaged in insurrection or rebellion" from serving in office.



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Trump heads to a private box to watch a college football game in Iowa on Saturday. Legal experts say the debate over Trump and the 14th Amendment will probably be decided by the Supreme Court.

The issue rose to prominence last month when a pair of conservative law professors affiliated with the Federalist Society argued in a University of Pennsylvania Law Review article that Trump, who holds a wide lead in polls for the Republican nomination, doesn't qualify to serve as president. They cited his efforts to overturn the 2020 election, including his false claims of fraud, his pressure on public officials to overturn results, his attempt to interfere with the counting of electoral college votes on Jan. 6, 2021, and his failure to act quickly to stop the Capitol attack that day.

"It is notable that more people died, and many more were injured, as a result of the January 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol than died or suffered injuries as a result of the attack on Fort Sumter," William Baude of the University of Chicago and Michael Stokes Paulsen of the University of St. Thomas wrote, referring to the opening battle of the Civil War.

Retired federal judge J. Michael Luttig, together with liberal legal scholar Lawrence Tribe, highlighted Baude and Paulsen's arguments in a piece for the Atlantic titled "The Constitution Prohibits Trump From Ever Being President Again." In a text exchange, Luttig confirmed that he has "been talking to" Torchinsky about the issue over the past two weeks.

Trump, his allies and some Democrats have vociferously opposed the idea of seeking to disqualify the former president. Trump senior campaign adviser Chris LaCivita said he has little doubt that rival Republican campaigns are behind it.

"Anyone with an iota of political acumen knows there is no such thing as coincidences in politics," LaCivita said in a text message. "It's not surprising that President Trump's distant-placed challengers would be conspiring with the Deep State, Never Trumpers and whacky leftist lunatics to push a radical and unconstitutional plan that would deny Americans their ability to vote for their candidate of choice."

Ramaswamy campaign spokeswoman Tricia McLaughlin said that "a lawyer at Holtzman Vogel serves as general counsel for the campaign. That person has absolutely no involvement with such efforts."

A spokeswoman for Christie's campaign declined to comment. Erin Perrine, a spokeswoman for Never Back Down, the pro-DeSantis PAC, said the organization has "nothing to do with any of it and vehemently disagree[s] with their actions."

Some Trump detractors also oppose the use of the 14th Amendment, arguing that the strategy could backfire if the courts reject it, by giving Trump a victory to brag about and another grievance to run on.

Critics also say democracy would be better served by defeating Trump in 2024 at the ballot box, not in court.

Republican election lawyer Ben Ginsberg, who represented George W. Bush during the 2000 Florida recount and who has been vocal in opposing Trump, said that an effort by a lawyer to disqualify a former Republican president, while also doing work for the Republican Party, is "political malpractice" and won't succeed. It also "violates what was once a GOP principle that voters should decide a party's candidates," Ginsberg said.

Torchinsky's firm, Holtzman Vogel, does millions of dollars in legal work for Republican causes and groups, including the Republican National Committee and GOP congressional and senatorial committees. The firm handled financial disclosure paperwork for Christie, and has received payments this year of more than $100,000 from the Ramaswamy campaign and more than $125,000 from Never Back Down, according to public records.

Jocelyn Benson, the Michigan secretary of state, was among those contacted by Torchinsky, though she did not confirm the phone conversation when asked about it in a text exchange.

"My office has received a number of calls, emails and letters regarding this issue over the last month, including a formal request for a declaratory ruling on the matter," wrote Benson, a Democrat. "This issue is something that needs resolution, and the U.S. Supreme Court is the appropriate institution to provide that resolution. I think it would be better for the country if that resolution came sooner rather than later."

Federal and state laws provide little to no guidance on how to prevent someone from serving under the 14th Amendment. The provision bars those it applies to from serving but not from running for office, raising the murky question of whether it's legal to keep Trump's name off ballots.

Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes (D) said any challenge in his state must happen soon, given the election calendar. Arizona's primary is slated for March, and Republican caucus-goers in Iowa will make their choices in January.

"Somebody needs to throw a punch and get this thing started so that we can get the courts to act," Fontes said in a recent radio interview, "because I have a feeling it's going to be nine judges in Washington, D.C., that make this call."

Critics of the 14th Amendment theory, including some legal scholars, argue that neither of two prosecutions pending against Trump alleging that he attempted to illegally overturn the 2020 result — one federal and the other in Georgia — accuses him of sedition or rebellion. Trump was impeached by the Democrat-led House in 2021 for "incitement of insurrection" but acquitted by the Senate, where a bipartisan 57-43 vote for conviction fell 10 shy of the required two-thirds threshold. The House committee investigating Jan. 6 recommended last year that he be charged with four crimes, including aiding an insurrection.

"I don't think that the 14th Amendment's founders thought that any government official in the country, down to the lowliest county elections officer, could decide who's an insurrectionist or not," said John Yoo, a University of California at Berkeley law professor who was a senior Justice Department official during the George W. Bush administration. "You've got the Congress and the executive branch so far declining to find Trump committed insurrection. If they did and the courts upheld it, then I would say, yes, Donald Trump could be removed from the ballot."

Some critics have other objections to the 14th Amendment's use in Trump's case: that it was enacted specifically to address Confederate traitors, that only Congress can invoke the amendment's provisions and that a president is not a "federal officer."

The clause has been used eight times, according to Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, and nearly all of those instances occurred in the immediate aftermath of the Civil War. More recently, courts have appeared mostly skeptical of the idea.

A Georgia judge dismissed a case last year seeking to disqualify Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R), an ardent Trump ally, ruling that while she was culpable for inflammatory rhetoric in the weeks and months leading up to the events of Jan. 6, she did not actually participate in the attack.

In Arizona, a state judge last year threw out lawsuits brought by Arizona voters that sought to disqualify from the primary ballot three Trump allies: former state representative Mark Finchem (R) and two Republican members of Congress, Andy Biggs and Paul A. Gosar.

One such effort did succeed last year: In New Mexico, a state judge ruled that Couy Griffin, a county commissioner and Trump supporter, was disqualified from holding office because of his conviction in federal court on a misdemeanor trespassing charge stemming from Jan. 6.

Griffin was removed after he won office rather than being barred from the ballot. The judge rejected his argument that his removal would subvert the will of voters who elected him, noting that Griffin took an oath to support the Constitution and then "engaged in that insurrection" after taking the oath.

One early test of the case against Trump could come in New Hampshire, home to the country's first presidential primary, where a onetime Trump ally has signaled plans to sue if the state allows the former president on the ballot.

Bryant "Corky" Messner has said he voted for Trump twice, and he received Trump's endorsement in 2020 when he made an unsuccessful run against Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.). But Messner, an attorney, has since become a Trump critic. After reading the article by Baude and Paulsen, he became convinced that the former president could not serve again because of his role in trying to overturn his 2020 loss.

Messner said he wants to see his case or others like it get to the U.S. Supreme Court as soon as possible to avoid having a patchwork of standards, with Trump appearing on the ballot in some states but not others. He noted that Trump's candidacy could be doomed if he were removed from the ballot in just one or two swing states. And he argued that conservatives, who often claim to be constitutional "textualists," should abide by the clear, original intent of the 14th Amendment.

"One of the things that has really surprised me about this is how many conservatives now want to ignore the text of the Constitution or suddenly view the Constitution as a living, breathing, changing document," he said.

Free Speech for People, a nonprofit that describes itself as an advocate for political equality, filed Tuesday's lawsuit in Minnesota and has plans for more in several other states if Trump appears on the ballot, said Ben Clements, the chairman of the group.

"This is based on an overwhelming public record and public findings by various officials, including courts, that establish he's disqualified," Clements said.

Opponents say it would be undemocratic to take the choice away from voters. Chris Ager, chairman of the New Hampshire GOP, said the party would intervene in any effort to keep Trump or other Republicans off the ballot in his state.

"The ultimate jury in this, in who should become president, is the American people," Ager said.

Similarly, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger (R), who refused to help Trump's efforts to subvert election results and is a likely key witness in the state's case, wrote in an opinion piece published in the Wall Street Journal that "denying voters the opportunity to choose is fundamentally un-American." For him to consider removing Trump, he wrote, "would only reinforce the grievances of those who see the system as rigged and corrupt."

There is no guarantee that a challenge to Trump would make it to the Supreme Court. A multitude of procedural hurdles stand in the way, and the high court could decline to take such a politicized case.

Still, Edward B. Foley, a law professor at Ohio State University, said he expects that the Supreme Court would take up the issue "and decide it one way or the other" should any lower court rule to disqualify the former president. He added that the public should not assume that the court's 6-3 conservative majority, including three Trump-appointed justices, would automatically rule in his favor.

"Obviously it's politically momentous," he said. "But they're called upon to answer difficult constitutional questions, and this one needs an answer."

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New poverty data reflects inflation, rollback of programs

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ernment interventions.

The data tells "a story of what could have been," said Arloc Sherman, vice president for data analysis and research at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. "The pandemic showed that we could stand up policies that could help families. These numbers underscore how much poverty is a policy choice."

In contrast, the proportion of Americans without health insurance at any point during the year dwindled — from 8.3 percent in 2021 to 7.9 percent last year. The greater availability of health coverage was driven in part by a temporary source: the fact that no one on Medicaid, the state-federal program for those with low incomes, was dropped from the program in 2022, a result of another pandemic benefit that is now gradually ending.

Poverty researchers credited the expanded child tax credit payments with lifting millions of children out of poverty and driving down the child poverty rate to a record low of 5.2 percent in 2021. The new data shows that 37.9 million people lived in poverty in 2022.

The White House seized on the data after the release Tuesday. In a statement, President Biden blamed the rise in child poverty on congressional Republicans and lambasted them for having blocked a continuation of the expanded child tax credit.

"The rise reported today is no accident," Biden said.

Tuesday's census data also noted a 2.3 percent drop in median household income, from $76,330 in 2021 to $74,580 in 2022. Real median earnings both for part-time and full-time workers also dropped last year by 2.2 percent, though incomes grew slightly for the lowest-paid workers.

The data also showed that 65.6 percent of working women worked full-time jobs year-round in 2022, the largest share on record.

Before Tuesday's data release, experts had been expecting a jump in the national poverty rate. The main question was the size of that increase, because of the competing effects of an improving labor market and record inflation.



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Cris Gank uncovers a pile of wood in Terra Alta, W.Va., in October 2021. He bought the wood, which would heat his family's home through the winter, with the expanded child tax credit. Researchers credited the payments with lifting millions of children out of poverty.

The numbers reflected the impact of those higher costs: According to the data, cost-of-living adjustments increased by 7.8 percent between 2021 and 2022, the largest jump since 1980.

The poverty rate of 12.4 percent represents what is known as the supplemental poverty rate, which incorporates the value of benefits such as child tax credits, earned income tax credits and stimulus checks and subtracts necessary expenses. Tuesday's census release also includes a different statistic, the official poverty measure, which includes only monetary income. The official poverty rate for 2022 was 11.5 percent, compared with 11.6 percent in 2021.

Social scientists widely consider the supplemental measure a more useful statistic, because it more accurately reflects the felt experience of U.S. residents with meager income.

But experts also urged putting the jump in context.

"This basically is a return to pre-pandemic levels," said Robert Greenstein, a visiting fellow in economic studies at the Brookings Institution. "It's not as though it's some high for U.S. poverty; it's that in 2021 we had historic lows in poverty."

Greenstein pointed out that the fact that the official poverty rate remained the same in the past year illustrates that "employment growth and wage growth among lower-income people offset the effects of higher inflation," he said. "It's a jump back to where we were before, which is still significantly higher than most Western European countries."

For 2022, the U.S. poverty level was $13,590 for individuals and $23,030 for a family of three.

The Census Bureau releases poverty, income and health insurance data annually based on the Current Population Survey, one of its main sources of nationwide data. The census's insurance data released Tuesday, combined with state-level data from the American Community Survey set to be released Thursday, is considered the most accurate portrait of health coverage in the United States.

Leading up to Tuesday's release, health policy experts said they expected the data to show an atypically low uninsured rate partly because of the Medicaid changes during the coronavirus federal health emergency.

The number of people in the United States without health insurance at any time in the year fell from 27.2 million in 2021 to 25.9 million last year, the data shows. Among all adults of all measured racial and ethnic groups, the percentage lacking insurance dropped last year, but sizable gaps remain. For White adults, 6.8 percent had no coverage at any point in 2022, compared with 7.4 percent of Asian adults, 11.4 percent of Black adults and 23.4 percent of Hispanic adults.

The data shows that 18.8 percent of people with some form of health coverage at any time last year were on Medicaid, comparable to the 18.9 percent in 2021. Sara Rosenbaum, a health law and policy professor at George Washington University, said it was not surprising that the proportion of people on Medicaid stayed high last year because the so-called Medicaid unwinding did not begin until earlier this year.

But Rosenbaum said she will be watching as the shrinkage of the Medicaid rolls begins to become apparent in the census data released a year from now. The "disturbing question," she said, is whether people have lost coverage by then because they no longer needed the safety-net insurance or because of the kind of paperwork mistakes that have accounted for most losses of Medicaid in recent months.

Overall, public insurance of all types accounted for 36.1 percent of all health coverage last year, nearly half a percentage point more than the 35.7 percent who held public coverage for some or all of 2021. That change largely was driven by an enrollment increase in Medicare, the federal insurance program for people who are age 65 and older or have disabilities, because of the aging of the U.S. population.

At the same time, the number of people who bought Affordable Care Act marketplace health plans continued to increase slightly for the third consecutive year: 11.8 million last year, compared with 11.4 million in 2021 and 10.9 million in 2020.

Biden administration officials have praised the widened use of such health plans, intended for those who do not have access to affordable health benefits through a job, and attributed their increasing popularity to larger federal tax credits available for the past couple of years under recent laws.

Douglas J. Besharov, a public policy professor at the University of Maryland's School of Public Affairs, said Tuesday's census release shows a mix of good and less good news as the country was moving past the pandemic last year. The dwindling number of people without health coverage "is a good story," he said.

But the meaning of the change in poverty, Besharov said, depends on whether one believes that the wherewithal of people at the lower economic rungs should be propped up by government programs or by a greater availability of jobs. From his vantage point, Besharov said, "the economy is chugging along."



White House calls impeachment inquiry a 'goose chase'

Development presents risks and possibilities as 2024 contest heats up

BY TYLER PAGER

The White House denounced Republicans' impeachment inquiry into President Biden on Tuesday, asserting that the president has done nothing wrong and calling the move an "evidence-free goose chase" that will spur Democrats to rally behind Biden.

The impeachment inquiry presents a new set of challenges for Biden as he runs for reelection in what could be a rematch with former president Donald Trump, who remains the front-runner for the Republican nomination.

Congress will probably have broader authority now to dig into the president's finances and could spend more resources investigating the president and his family. An active inquiry could also impede Biden's efforts to stay out of the political fray, undermining his effort to keep a light campaign footprint and focus on appearing presidential for as long as possible.

Some Biden supporters also worry that a drawn-out inquiry could take a personal toll on the president, especially since it may center on his son Hunter.

"Nobody wants to go through it," said Jennifer Palmieri, a Democratic strategist who worked in President Bill Clinton's White House when he was impeached. "There can be political upsides, but no one wants to go through it. It is certainly going to wear on the president some, and it's also personal — and that's just rough."

Still, Democrats were quick to mention that the move carries significant political risks for Republicans as well. Palmieri noted that Clinton hit the highest approval ratings of his presidency when he was facing impeachment proceedings, and Democrats picked up seats in the 1998 midterm elections in a voter backlash against the GOP.

Democrats said the inquiry into Biden could similarly have political consequences for Republicans, particularly because the GOP has not unearthed credible allegations against the president.

"They have no evidence, so they're launching the next phase of their evidence-free goose chase simply to throw red meat to the right wing so they can continue baselessly attacking the president to play extreme politics," Ian Sams, a White House spokesman, said in a statement.



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President Biden makes his way to the Oval Office on Sept. 1. He has not yet commented on the inquiry, having just returned from a Group of 20 summit meeting in India and a goodwill visit to Vietnam.

Clinton was impeached after a years-long independent counsel investigation that laid out evidence for House Republicans' allegations of perjury and obstruction of justice against the president. He was acquitted by the Senate.

Biden is confronting no such evidence, Palmieri said.

"That inquiry stemmed from wrongdoing by President Clinton, and in the case of Biden, it is evidence-free," she added. "Matters of Hunter Biden have been looked into for five years, including by a Trump Department of Justice, and there's just not been any evidence of wrongdoing by President Biden."

But Republicans think they can unearth enough incriminating facts to create at least a cloud of doubt around Biden as he heads into a reelection year. They hope that serves as a counterweight to the four criminal indictments targeting Trump, including for allegedly seeking to overturn the 2020 election results.

Tim Miller, a former Republican operative who left the party because of his opposition to Trump, cautioned Democrats against taking an overly optimistic view of the political ramifications of the impeachment. He cited the damage Republicans inflicted on Hillary Clinton, then considered a formidable presidential contender, in 2016 hearings on the killing of four Americans in Benghazi, Libya.

The committee did not find Clinton culpable for the deaths, but did discover that she had used a private email server during her time as secretary of state, a fact that proved politically devastating.

"You never know what happens with investigations," Miller said. "Something could turn up."

On Tuesday, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) officially directed House committees to open an impeachment inquiry into Biden that centers on whether the president benefited from his son's business dealings. The announcement came after intense pressure from some of the most conservative members of the House, despite the lack of evidence showing the elder Biden profited from his son's work.

"These are allegations of abuse of power, obstruction and corruption and warrant further investigation by the House of Representatives," McCarthy told reporters Tuesday morning. He provided few details about the specific allegations the House will pursue.

Republicans have long focused their attention on Hunter Biden, his foreign business dealings and his past drug use, and while the president's son has faced criminal troubles, Republicans have not presented evidence linking Joe Biden to any wrongdoing.

In June, Hunter Biden reached a tentative agreement with federal prosecutors to plead guilty to two minor tax crimes and admit to the facts of a gun charge under terms that probably would have kept him out of jail. But the deal collapsed amid a dispute over whether he would get immunity from additional criminal charges.

Now special counsel David Weiss has told the court he expects to file charges and go to trial.

For months, White House officials have been preparing for a possible impeachment inquiry and other congressional investigations. Ahead of last year's midterm elections, when it became clear Republicans were likely to take control of the House, the White House brought on additional lawyers and communications staffers and instructed key agencies to plan for an onslaught of requests from Congress.

Biden officials have also contacted officials who worked in the Clinton White House during his impeachment proceeding for advice, according to people familiar with the communications who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss confidential conversations.

Democrats have been largely sanguine about House Republicans' investigative efforts to this point, contending that GOP lawmakers have found no evidence of wrongdoing or even produced damaging hearings or documents about Biden's first two years.

In recent weeks, as talk of impeachment bubbled up among far-right Republicans, White House officials started blasting out reports of press interviews by House Republicans in which they conceded a lack of evidence of impeachable offenses by the president, such as comments Rep. Ken Buck (Colo.) made last weekend on MSNBC.

"The time for impeachment is the time when there's evidence linking President Biden, if there's evidence linking President Biden, to a high crime or misdemeanor," Buck said. "That doesn't exist right now."

The White House and the Biden campaign have also taken aim at McCarthy for his previous comments that he would not open an impeachment inquiry without a full vote of the House. The speaker on Tuesday opted to launch the inquiry without such a vote, and it is not clear the investigation would have been approved by the full House, despite Republicans' 222-212 margin in the chamber.

Democrats said the move was aimed at placating far-right Republicans rather than unearthing credible facts about Biden.

"As Donald Trump ramped up his demands for a baseless impeachment inquiry, Kevin McCarthy cemented his role as the Trump campaign's super-surrogate by turning the House of Representatives into an arm of his presidential campaign," Ammar Moussa, a spokesman for the Biden campaign, said in a statement.

He added: "While MAGA Republicans spend all of their time attacking President Biden and his family, the president is working every day to make life better for American families across the country."

The president himself has yet to address the inquiry directly. He returned early Tuesday from a trip to Asia, attending a summit of the Group of 20 economic powers in India and then traveling to Vietnam. Biden had no public events Tuesday, and the White House did not hold a daily briefing for reporters.

Jim Messina, who managed Barack Obama's 2012 reelection campaign, said the president should continue his approach of focusing on governing and stay out of political brawls as much as possible. Biden has spent much of the past few months visiting various states to talk about "Bidenomics" and his infrastructure and manufacturing programs.

"What voters really want is for him to focus on them, and that's what he's doing," Messina said. "The back-and-forth on [impeachment] is going to distract the Republicans, and we should not follow them down that well."

Messina added that Republicans run the risk of alienating swing voters, many of whom are not tuned in to the daily political headlines and could be turned off by what they see as bickering and pettiness.

"Swing voters will rightfully view this party as not doing anything for them," he said. "It's just political infighting and it doesn't give you anything to run on."

The impeachment inquiry also comes just weeks before a potential government shutdown, and Democrats are eager to highlight how some Republicans have tied the two together. Congress must pass legislation by Sept. 30 to avoid a shutdown.

"I've already decided I will not vote to fund the government unless we have passed an impeachment inquiry," Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) said last month.

Miller, the former GOP operative, acknowledged the Republicans' focus on the past instead of the future could pose risks if they get into the minutiae of Hunter Biden's tenure with a Ukrainian energy company rather than matters more relevant to American families.

"I do not believe Hunter Biden's Burisma contract is going to be meaningful as compared to other issues that come up like inflation, age or gas prices," Miller said. "The Republicans really do risk seeming out of touch with legitimate concerns if they're spending the entire 2024 election cycle on re-litigating election fraud and impeaching Biden over his son."

McCarthy directs House committees to open Biden impeachment inquiry

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family brand to attract clients.

McCarthy accused Biden of lying "to the American people about knowledge of his family's foreign business dealings," specifically saying that then-Vice Joe President Biden had interacted with Hunter Biden as he was using his family name while working to secure foreign business deals. While staunch far-right Republicans have claimed that is enough to impeach Biden, many conservative lawmakers in the conference say they have yet to see a direct link that reaches the threshold of the high crimes and misdemeanors that are among impeachable offenses.

When asked Tuesday afternoon if he thought Biden had committed impeachable offenses, McCarthy repeatedly emphasized that this was simply continuing existing investigations that he said gives the House more leverage to subpoena White House officials.

"An impeachment inquiry is the ability to get the information to answer the questions. That's all we're doing. Americans need answers," McCarthy told reporters.

McCarthy said the impeachment inquiry will be led by House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer (R-Ky.) in coordination with Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) and Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jason T. Smith (R-Mo.).

White House spokesman Ian Sams blasted McCarthy's move as "extreme politics at its worst."

"The President hasn't done anything wrong, and the House Republicans' investigations for the past 9 months have proved that," he said in a statement. "They have no evidence, so they're launching the next phase of their evidence-free goose chase simply to throw red meat to the right wing so they can continue baselessly attacking the president to play extreme politics."

A spokesman for Biden's reelection campaign also slammed the impeachment inquiry as a "political stunt."

House Republican leaders remain in a tenuous position as they balance the myriad demands by conservatives to significantly curtail spending and fund the government by the end of the month without input from Democrats. McCarthy in particular is being targeted by several far-right lawmakers who have publicly stated that he must abide by promises to members of the House Freedom Caucus in exchange for supporting him for speaker in January. The House faces a critical Sept. 30 deadline to fund the government and avoid a shutdown.



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House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) announces that Republicans are opening a formal impeachment inquiry into President Biden during a news conference at the Capitol.

Members of the House Freedom Caucus and other far-right lawmakers have begun to speculate on how McCarthy would need to lead during the upcoming fiscal fight if he wants to prevent his ouster from the speaker's seat. Several have warned that such a vote, known as a motion to vacate, could be triggered if McCarthy relies on Democratic votes, rather than Republicans', to avert a government shutdown.

"I think Speaker McCarthy has a path to choose. Does he pass Republican legislation that advances our policies and cuts spending with Republican majority, or does he pass legislation with Democrat votes that lets down the American people?" Rep. Bob Good (R-Va.) said.

Dangling an impeachment inquiry vote was meant to address the demands of some far-right lawmakers, including Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), who wanted to ramp up investigations into Biden in exchange for their vote on a short-term funding bill that would avert a government shutdown.

But McCarthy's calculation on how to launch an impeachment inquiry changed after his leadership team surveyed the conference over the past week and recognized that there would not be enough votes to open an inquiry on the House floor, according to multiple Republican lawmakers and aides familiar with the conversations, who like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private deliberations.

While many conservatives have concerns over whether evidence exists to eventually consider impeaching Biden, lawmakers largely agree that the House majority has a responsibility to thoroughly provide oversight over the White House. An impeachment inquiry, Republicans say, only helps them investigate further.

McCarthy's allies on Monday told a small group of lawmakers, including those tasked with continuing to investigate the Biden administration, about his intentions to unilaterally launch an inquiry on Congress's return Tuesday. Still, many lawmakers were surprised, though not irritated, lawmakers and aides said, by the announcement.

Moderate Rep. David Joyce (R-Ohio), who chairs the Republican Governance Group, in a statement voiced his support for McCarthy's decision to allow current investigators to expand their scope and produce their findings, which he said he will "carefully review."

People familiar with McCarthy's thinking said unilaterally launching an inquiry also helped shield vulnerable Republican incumbents, particularly those representing districts that voted for Biden, from being put on the record on impeachment this early in the process. However, some Republican lawmakers and aides warned that far-right lawmakers could eventually demand an impeachment inquiry vote for political purposes.

"I think they should put it on the floor, personally, I do. But either way, it's important we get to it," said Rep. Dan Bishop (R-N.C.), a member of the Freedom Caucus.

Trump talked to Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.) about the inquiry after McCarthy's announcement, according to a Trump aide who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the conversation.

McCarthy previously said he wouldn't open an impeachment inquiry without a full House vote, most recently telling the conservative outlet Breitbart News early this month that House Republicans would not launch an inquiry to "use it for political purposes."

"The American people deserve to be heard on this matter through their elected representatives," McCarthy said then. "That's why, if we move forward with an impeachment inquiry, it would occur through a vote on the floor of the people's House and not through a declaration by one person."

Pressed on the about-face, McCarthy repeatedly cited former House speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) for establishing precedent after she launched an impeachment inquiry without holding a vote in 2019 into President Donald Trump. Yet a day after Pelosi unilaterally launched that impeachment inquiry, McCarthy, the minority leader, drafted a resolution condemning Pelosi for her actions, pointing out that no inquiry had previously started by "a unilateral decree of the Speaker" and arguing that it robs all lawmakers from voicing their opinions on the matter.

Congressional Democrats called McCarthy's move baseless.

Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (N.Y.) said the inquiry was "absurd," while House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (N.Y.) vowed to put together a robust defense plan to rebut the allegations.

"We will defend President Biden until the very end," he said at a Tuesday news conference after calling Biden a patriot and a "good man."

Rep. Jerrold Nadler (N.Y.), the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said in a statement that evidence produced by House Republicans about President Biden has "not even begun to approach the high bar of high crimes and misdemeanors."

"And they have done none of the work necessary to convince the American people that this stunt is a good idea — a political reality that I suspect will set in for them sooner, rather than later," he said.

But McCarthy's decision was not enough to appease Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), one of several hard-right holdouts who was determined to deny McCarthy the speaker's gavel in January. In terse comments on the House floor Tuesday, Gaetz dismissed McCarthy's impeachment inquiry announcement as a "baby step" that was not genuine, and accused the GOP leader of serving as a "valet" for Biden's spending agenda.

Gaetz told McCarthy he was "out of compliance with the agreement" that had allowed him to assume his leadership role, and threatened to have McCarthy ousted as speaker.

Members of the Freedom Caucus and other far-right lawmakers spent Tuesday reiterating that they view McCarthy's decision to launch an impeachment inquiry as separate to earning their support on funding the government and averting a shutdown.

In an effort to fulfill the Freedom Caucus's demand to pass all 12 individual appropriations bills and fund the government for the full fiscal year, Republican leaders know they must pass a short-term funding bill that extends current government spending levels. But the Freedom Caucus has said it needs to see border security, curtailed spending on the Justice Department and the FBI, and measures limiting the "woke policies" at the Pentagon included.

These lawmakers see curtailing funding and decreasing the debt significantly as an existential threat to the nation that is much more consequential than prioritizing keeping the House majority for Republicans.

"My question for my colleagues, my Republican colleagues, is when is it enough? When is it enough to stand up and do what you campaigned to do and use the power of the purse to stop this administration from trampling the American people?" Rep. Chip Roy (R-Tex.) said.

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CDC recommends new coronavirus shots, expected to be available in days

BY LENA H. SUN AND FENIT NIRAPPIL

Virtually all Americans should get an updated coronavirus shot, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended Tuesday, with the vaccines expected to become available within 48 hours — as the respiratory illness season looms.

Mandy Cohen, director of the CDC, advised that anyone 6 months and older should get at least one dose of an updated shot. Her broad recommendation came after the agency's expert advisers voted for a universal approach to seasonal coronavirus vaccination. The shots are intended to bolster defenses as the nation heads into the fall and winter virus season, when influenza and RSV are also primed to be on the rise.

Cohen said the reformulated vaccines can restore protection and provide "enhanced protection" against variants currently responsible for most infections and hospitalizations in the United States. Cohen followed the lead of the agency's vaccine experts who earlier in the day voted for the universal vaccination policy. The move paves the way for some clinicians, pharmacies and other providers to begin administering the shots by later this week. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted 13-1 to recommend updated shots from Moderna and from Pfizer and its German partner, BioNTech, for anyone 6 months and older.

"We have more tools than ever to prevent the worst outcomes from COVID-19," Cohen said in a statement. Last season, people who received a coronavirus vaccine achieved greater protection against illness and hospitalization than those who did not receive a 2022-2023 vaccine, the CDC said.

The updated shots target an omicron subvariant called XBB.1.5 and were cleared Monday by the Food and Drug Administration.

A third shot, made by Novavax, is still under review by the FDA. The vaccine maker said the timing of the updated version of its coronavirus vaccine for people 12 and older "is ultimately at the discretion of the FDA." A Novavax official told the expert vaccine panel Tuesday that doses of the vaccine are "pre-positioned" and awaiting FDA action.

Several members of the advisory panel said they supported a universal recommendation because the vaccines work against current and emerging virus variants, provide benefit across all age groups, and increase access.

"There are robust benefits of vaccination on severe illness, on death, on long covid," said Beth Bell, a global health professor at the University of Washington. "It's important for people to have access if they want it," she said, even though older people like herself are at higher risk of serious illness and death. "The messaging needs to make clear that for older people and those with underlying health conditions, they really need to get a booster."

Matthew F. Daley, a senior investigator for Kaiser Permanente's Institute for Health Research, said the most persuasive argument for the broad recommendation was data showing that half of pediatric covid-19 deaths, while rare, were in children with no underlying conditions. "Those were preventable," he said.

But Pablo Sanchez, the sole advisory board member who sought a narrower recommendation, said the data on children and infants is too limited. "I am very much pro-vaccination in high-risk groups," said Sanchez, professor of pediatrics at Ohio State University College of Medicine.

The CDC recommends that everyone 5 and older receive a single dose of an updated vaccine regardless of whether they have gotten a vaccine before. Children 6 months to 4 years old who have not received a coronavirus vaccine are advised to receive a primary series with two Moderna doses or three Pfizer-BioNTech doses. The doses should be from the same manufacturer. People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised and haven't been vaccinated against the coronavirus should receive three doses of an updated vaccine.

People recently vaccinated should wait two months before getting an updated vaccine, the CDC says. Those who have been recently infected can wait three months, but they can also get it "as soon as they're feeling better," Megan Wallace, a CDC official, told the panel.

Sterling N. Ransone Jr., a family physician in Deltaville, Va., said he is expecting an initial rush of patients seeking updated coronavirus shots in the next several weeks before demand quickly tapers off. Then he will set aside a few minutes to pitch shots during other medical visits.

"We tell them it will probably be once a year and think about covid vaccination now like they think about the flu shot," said Ransone, board chair of the American Academy of Family Physicians. "It's not a plastic bubble we are putting you in that covid can't get to you. Now that we've gotten back to a more normal lifestyle, you can get exposed to the virus, and we want you to have the best protection you can."

For younger and otherwise healthy patients who are unlikely to get severely ill from covid even without an updated shot, Ransone will encourage them to get vaccinated as a way to become less likely to infect vulnerable people. Even if they still get covid, the booster could help reduce their viral loads and the odds of transmitting the virus, he said.

This is the first time the federal government is not buying all the coronavirus shots, meaning doctors, hospitals and pharmacies must order them directly. The vaccines will still be free for most Americans who have private health insurance or coverage through Medicare or Medicaid.

A Biden administration program to provide the shots without cost to people who don't have insurance is also expected to be in place within 48 hours of the CDC decision, agency officials said. The shots will be available at health centers, health departments and pharmacies.

Later this week, consumers should be able to go to vaccines.gov to locate where the updated vaccines are available.

For each dose of the vaccine, Moderna is charging $129, and Pfizer is charging $120, company officials said Tuesday. When its shot becomes available, Novavax says it will charge $130. Consumers who have insurance will not have to pay these costs. Private providers, pharmacies and insurers pay the list price or negotiate their own discount. Vaccine makers typically charge the government a discounted rate for doses purchased for programs for the uninsured. Novavax said its contract price with the CDC is $72.50 per dose.

The updated vaccines are part of a revamped arsenal of protections designed to counter an expected increase in covid, influenza and respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, as the weather turns cooler and people gather indoors. Flu shots and RSV immunizations for infants and adults 60 and older are already available.

The increase in covid-related hospitalizations and infections is expected by experts because protection from prior vaccinations and infections wanes over time. While covid-related hospital admissions have been on the rise this summer, increasing to more than 18,000 for the week ending Sept. 2, they are still far below previous peaks. The total was more than 34,000 for the same period a year ago, according to the CDC. Weekly deaths were at 658 as of Aug. 26, slightly higher than earlier in the summer, but far lower than the weekly total of more than 3,000 in August a year ago.

Critics of an annual covid shot model note the coronavirus is not seasonal like influenza and RSV, and it can also surge in the spring and summer when immunity from booster doses administered in the fall has waned. Federal officials have not decided whether to recommend a second dose of the updated vaccines for older adults and immunocompromised people, as they did for the previous booster shots.

The federal action comes at a time of increasing concern about the spread of several new variants as the virus continues to mutate. But preliminary data suggest the updated vaccine against XBB is well-equipped to protect against severe disease and death from these latest variants, including EG.5, the most prevalent variant in the United States, which accounts for more than 21 percent of cases, and the closely watched BA.2.86, a highly mutated variant that some scientists initially worried could evade prior immunity from vaccines or earlier infections.

Natalie J. Thornburg, a CDC research microbiologist who studies how viral variants escape immunity, told vaccine advisory panel members Tuesday that almost all circulating viruses are related to the XBB lineage.

Health officials and experts say they are trying to balance giving clear, straightforward guidance without discouraging a covid-weary public from getting vaccinated. At the same time, they say even a mild winter of flu and RSV has the potential to strain hospital capacity. Adding a new virus into the mix increases that potential.

Some experts have said the shots should be targeted to high-risk groups, including older people, immunocompromised individuals and patients with chronic illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease. Other people probably have built up enough immunity to ward off severe illness, they say.

Ultimately, the vaccine expert panel said its covid work group members supported the recommendation for anyone 6 months and older to get a shot after a "robust discussion." The CDC estimates there would be 200,000 more hospitalizations and 15,000 more deaths during the next two years if the recommendation targeted only those 65 and older.

One of the most frequently asked questions is timing, and whether people can get a coronavirus shot at the same time as their flu shot. CDC officials say it's fine to get both at the same time.



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The CDC's announcement comes after its expert advisers voted for a universal approach to seasonal coronavirus vaccination.

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Ill at ease amid a surge in violence



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Absalom Jordan, 82, has lived for nearly 30 years in Washington Highlands, a neighborhood in Ward 8 that is among the most violent in the city. He says the mayhem of the city's drug wars made more sense to him than the crime that involves young people now.

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most D.C. residents are unlikely to ever be a victim of violence. Yet a sharp rise in crime over the past year — punctuated by reports of homicides, brazen shootings and carjackings by armed teenagers — is rattling a city already struggling to recover from a pandemic that upended its rhythms and ravaged its once-thriving downtown.

As the nation's capital, D.C.'s stature as the focus of global attention and tourism remains secure. Yet months of persistent gun violence are causing many Washingtonians to question their safety and commitment to the city with an intensity perhaps unseen since the drug wars.

"It's worse in some ways, like a wicked spirit is out there," said Ronald Moten, 53, who was arrested for selling crack in the 1990s before working with youngsters to keep them from committing or becoming victims of crime. "You used to not have to worry about crime unless you were associated with the streets, with drug dealing. Now you could just be going down the street, going to the car, and you can be killed."

The randomness is reflected in statistics showing sharp increases in crime in areas where it is less expected, as well as the jarring details of individual incidents: a military interpreter from Afghanistan killed while driving for Lyft on Capitol Hill; a construction worker slain as he arrived for work at 6 a.m. at Howard University; a spectator shot to death as he watched an Adams Morgan soccer match.

Earlier this summer, Moten said he was entering a Connecticut Avenue nightclub when three men "in hoodies" tried to rob someone who was leaving. "A gun went off, and I had to dive to the ground," he said. "People don't care. They rob them in Georgetown and Connecticut Avenue. They're going to the Wharf. Now, it could be anywhere."

Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) and police have pushed a variety of initiatives to respond to the violence, including a curfew for teenagers in select neighborhoods, prosecuting juveniles as adults and permitting judges to detain more defendants before trials. Yet the bloodshed persists: In the first six days of September alone, eight people were shot and killed, including four teenagers.

Allie Black, a retiree, was jolted awake in her Seventh Street NW apartment over Labor Day weekend when she heard what she described as "Boom! Boom! Boom!" — dozens of rounds of gunfire that she later learned struck three women, two of whom were teenagers who died. As she left a church the next day, she walked past the site of the shooting, where investigators had chalked dozens of circles on the sidewalk where bullet casings landed. Black said she had remained in bed after the gunfire stopped, her lights off, and prayed.

"I feel like I need a trauma counselor," she said. "This is not normal."

It is not just gun violence that causes anxiety. There are the ubiquitous "porch pirates" stealing packages from doorsteps and thieves smashing car windows that add to a sense of lawlessness. A Giant Food market in Southeast recently announced that it would no longer keep brands such as Advil and Tide on shelves to discourage shoplifters.

As he walked into a CVS to buy vitamins earlier this year, Wes Boatwright noticed a man on his way out carrying a large trash bag. The customers and store employees "looked shellshocked," he said. The man had "walked over to the house-cleaning products and knocked everything into his big old garbage bag."

Boatwright, 59, a real estate investment banker who lives in the Spring Valley neighborhood, said the incident was disturbing, not because he felt afraid but because the culprit seemed so at ease.

"I'm not sure why things have gotten worse," he said. "So I'm not sure how it'll get better."

'There seems to be no consequences'

The spike in felonies — homicides and robberies are up 29 and 67 percent from the same time period last year, police statistics show — is not the only data that is causing alarm. The number of juveniles arrested for carjacking has increased slightly since last year, with 41 of the 64 charged between the ages of 12 and 15. As of Aug. 31, a total of 81 minors had been shot in the city this year, compared with 66 over the same span last year and 37 in 2021.

While a preponderance of violence occurs where it often has — in poor neighborhoods on D.C.'s eastern edge — statistics show that the geography of crime has become more diffuse, with prosperous areas less immune than before.

For example, a total of 98 auto thefts were reported by Aug. 31 in Ward 3, an area that includes Cleveland Park and Chevy Chase, an increase of 81 percent from the same period last year, data shows. In Ward 2, including Georgetown and downtown, there have been 285 robberies, an 84 percent jump. The 20 homicides this year in Ward 1, which stretches from Columbia Heights to Adams Morgan and along the U Street corridor, represent a 150 percent increase.

In Ward 8, a historically crime-plagued area encompassing Anacostia and Congress Heights, the number of homicides — 71 by the end of August, a 39 percent jump — prompted council member Trayon White Sr. (D-Ward 8) last month to describe the city as a "war zone" and call for the mobilization of the National Guard. Bowser, when asked at the time about White's demand, demurred, saying that she shared his concerns about crime and that she was focused on the deployment of resources.

The perception of danger, amplified almost in real time on neighborhood email groups and social media outlets such as Nextdoor, is pushing many Washingtonians to calculate risks as they navigate the city.

Derek Floyd, who coaches youngsters at the Barry Farm Recreation Center in Ward 8, said he cannot find 14-year-olds to play fall football this year, partly because their parents are worried about their safety traveling to games. But he also said that teens themselves are afraid they could become targets "if people know where they are" when practices or games are scheduled.

"It makes it more dangerous," Floyd said. "Unfortunately this is our reality."

Moten, who lives in Ward 7's Hillcrest neighborhood, is worried enough about being robbed that he avoids gas stations at night. Andrew Huff, who chairs D.C.'s Combat Sports Commission and lives in Northwest, stopped honking his car horn in traffic because he's afraid he'll set off another driver "over nothing." The manager of an Adams Morgan dry cleaner, the victim of an armed robbery in February, keeps the entrance locked and only admits customers after they ring a buzzer.

Heishman, a D.C. resident for 22 years, says she's more likely to take an Uber than ride the bus or an e-bike, especially at night if she's alone. Her friend, Anne MacDonald, 75, at whose Mount Pleasant house Heishman dines on Sundays, won't walk her dogs at night, avoids the Columbia Heights Metro station, and no longer waits for the bus at the stop on her corner, outside a 7-Eleven where she says she has observed regular daytime drug transactions.

MacDonald is a retired sales director who has lived in Mount Pleasant for 30 years and is well-versed in the dangers of urban life. In the early 2000s, she said, a mugger threw her down and stole her purse and a diamond necklace.



Stephanie Heishman, left, says she travels by car to dinners five blocks away at the home of Anne MacDonald, right.

She said she feels less safe today. Her reasons include the blood-soaked T-shirt she found one recent morning less than a block from her house — a vestige, she later learned, of a stabbing. On another morning, she saw a man violently plunging a knife into a tree and threatening people assembled on the sidewalk playing cards and dominoes.

"If this is what's happening in my little neighborhood, and it's palpable, what's happening in the rest of the city?" MacDonald asked. "There seems to be no consequences."

At an August community meeting, dozens of Chinatown residents complained to police about a pervasive sense of disorder at Seventh and H streets NW, site of the neighborhood's landmark arch. Day and night, clusters of people linger outside a Metro station entrance, including panhandlers, pot smokers and some who appear emotionally disturbed.

Nora Fanfalone, 28, a management consultant who attended the meeting, moved to an apartment overlooking Seventh and H in 2021 because she wanted to be downtown, close to her work and friends. What she did not want, she said, is the constant feeling that her "safety and life, potentially, are threatened."

On many days, she said, she has been verbally harassed as she walked through the intersection, including once at 8 a.m. when a man said, "Good morning," and shoved her when she didn't respond. After arriving home from work on another day, she said, she heard gunshots and saw from her window a body crumpled on the sidewalk.

"I'm like, 'How did I get this wrong? I live across from the Smithsonian and there's an Hermès store two blocks away,' " she said. "It's very surprising that public safety is an issue in a neighborhood with such high traffic and major attractions."

Despite her complaints, she recently renewed her lease, and she described her location as convenient and rent as ideal. She also has found ways to avoid her corner. Instead of using her building's entrance, she comes and goes through an unmarked rear door.

For some, though, finding ways to adapt is not enough.

James, 58, a technology lobbyist, stopped walking many places after he, his husband and another couple were beaten by a group of youngsters on scooters as they walked to Dupont Circle in 2019 (James spoke on the condition that his full name not be used to protect his privacy as a crime victim). After the attack, and as the pandemic unfolded, he noticed that the volume of text alerts he received about crime seemed to increase, arriving not only at night but also during the day. He began feeling increasingly unsafe, not even walking in the afternoon anymore after someone — a student, he assumed — threw a bottle at him as he walked to a Whole Foods when school let out.

By then, James said, he and his husband, residents of the city for nearly 30 years, had decided to leave D.C. They relocated last month to a condo in Maryland. His decision to move, he said, crystallized as he anticipated retirement. "I've always thought I could outrun any criminal in the past," he said. "I can't anymore. I'm a sitting duck."

'I'm so used to this'

Absalom Jordan was about to go to sleep in his Southeast apartment the other night when he heard gunshots. The sound is familiar enough to him that he did not feel compelled to even look out his window. He got into bed and figured he'd find out what happened the next day.

Jordan, 82, has lived for nearly 30 years in Washington Highlands, a Ward 8 neighborhood that is among the city's most violent. On Aug. 24, a noontime meeting he helped organize about security at his building was interrupted when several participants — a police officer and two guards — had to respond to reports of nearby gunfire.

"I'm so used to this," said Jordan, who lived in Southeast during the city's drug wars. The mayhem of those years — rooted in turf battles between drug gangs — made more sense to him than the crime that involves youngsters now.

He worries that city officials are focused more on easy answers — requesting the National Guard, for example — than identifying root causes of violence. "There's no rhyme or reason to it; there's no rationale," he said. "These young people don't have any limits to what they'll do because they don't value life."

Floyd, who coaches kids in Ward 8, said he finds it difficult to connect with teenagers focused on building their Instagram personas, posting images of themselves "smoking weed and having the big gun on their hip. Their clout is the 'likes,' the followers, the engagement. We're living in a world we've never seen before."

In recent weeks, Floyd said he has gone to court to appeal for probationary sentences for three teenagers, including a 14-year-old who brought a gun to school and a 16-year-old involved in a series of armed robberies. While committed to being a mentor, Floyd said he worries that he's helping to enable criminal behavior.

"I want to do whatever I can to give them the best chance," he said. "The flip side is, with me doing that, they never learn their lesson, so we're here next month."

During the crack epidemic, the city's population declined and its finances tanked. In 1993, the violence was alarming enough that then-Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly (D) asked President Bill Clinton to send in the National Guard, a request he denied. The solutions — aggressive law enforcement — seemed more obvious than now, with downtown's future uncertain and police staffing at a historic low.

Sabel Harris, an advisory neighborhood commissioner, lives near the corner of 14th and U streets NW and is struggling to find a path. She prefers non-punitive approaches to curbing violence and questions whether adding police will "mean you have more incompetency."

Yet as she walked her dog one afternoon in her neighborhood, on streets littered with shattered glass from car break-ins, Harris said she understands why people clamor for more police officers. The area she represents, she said, has been the site of at least 10 shootings since her 2021 ANC election. Bullets have pierced her building, including a neighbor's window. A man whom she befriended, Marvin Johnson Jr., was shot and killed earlier this year near her corner.

"When it's someone you know, it's really hard to wrap your head around," Harris, 33, said as she began to cry. "I'm sad and frustrated and I'm at a loss about what we can do. It feels like a lot of words and talk."

Three miles east, Brian Beaty, 33, a business consultant, finds himself questioning whether Capitol Hill, where he and his wife moved in 2021, is safe enough to raise their 1-year-old daughter.

His concerns began taking shape soon after they moved in, when their neighbor's house was burglarized. There was also a late-night shooting around the corner. Beaty takes precautions — staying home at night, reminding himself to lock his car and activate the house alarm — even as the requirement for such vigilance "feels wrong."

"I don't want to live my life in panic and worry," he said.

The other day, as he walked his dog, Beaty saw a man trying to pull a driver out of a Toyota and realized he was witnessing a carjacking. A passerby jumped in to defend the driver. A second carjacker grabbed a golf club and walked toward the passerby.

It was 4:40 p.m.

Beaty, still holding his dog on a leash, used his phone to record the melee, including the carjackers retreating and fleeing in their car — footage he shared with police and news stations.

He said he felt a sense of satisfaction that he had documented the incident and ensured that people know that "this can happen anywhere." He and his wife, he said, remain committed to raising their daughter on Capitol Hill, at least for now.



The area near the landmark arch in the District's Chinatown neighborhood has been the subject of many complaints from residents.

DOJ charges former Memphis officers in fatal beating of Tyre Nichols

Authorities accuse five of using excessive force and violating civil rights

BY DAVID NAKAMURA

The Justice Department on Tuesday filed federal criminal charges against five former Memphis police officers, accusing them of violating the civil rights of Tyre Nichols, a Black man who died after being severely beaten during a traffic stop in January.

The four-count indictment represents the latest punitive action against the former officers, who face state second-degree murder charges, and the Memphis Police Department, which is undergoing a sweeping federal civil investigation over its culture, training and policies.

Federal authorities are accusing Emmitt Martin III, Tadarrius Bean, Demetrius Haley, Desmond Mills Jr. and Justin Smith, who are Black, of using excessive force and violating Nichols's rights, as well as conspiring to make false statements to supervisors while reporting the incidents and obstructing justice during subsequent investigations.

Each former officer faces 20 years to life in prison, authorities said.

The federal prosecution will proceed separately from the state murder case, authorities said. The defendants have pleaded not guilty to the state charges, which were filed in January.

Nichols, 29, was beaten by several Memphis officers on Jan. 7 and died three days later of his injuries in an incident recorded in police surveillance and body-camera footage that was released to the public amid a widespread outcry.

"The country watched in horror as Tyre Nichols was kicked, punched, tased, and pepper-sprayed, and we all heard Mr. Nichols cry out for his mother and say, 'I'm just trying to go home,'" Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a videotaped statement Tuesday.

"Officers who violate the civil rights of those they are sworn to protect undermine public safety, which depends on the community's trust in law enforcement," Garland said. "They dishonor their fellow officers who do their work with integrity every day."

The Nichols family has filed a federal civil lawsuit against the city of Memphis, the police department, the police chief, fire department officials and the five former police officers involved in the beating.

Last month, Shelby County District Attorney Steven Mulroy threw out charges in 30 cases investigated by the former police officers charged in Nichols's death and reduced the charges in a dozen other cases. He cited concerns over the former officers' credibility.

The officers were members of a specialized Scorpion unit, created in 2021 to patrol crime hot spots in Memphis, focusing on gang activity, drug crimes and vehicle thefts. The police department disbanded the unit after Nichols's death, amid mounting public criticism that the unit used excessive force.

The federal indictment states that the former officers failed to inform emergency medical personnel of how Nichols had been injured and that the beating directly led to his death.

The former officers are alleged to have removed their body-worn cameras as they discussed the beating, saying phrases including "Everybody rocking his ass" and "I thought when he wasn't going to fall, we about to kill this man."

The former officers falsely told their superiors that Nichols had sought to avoid arrest by reaching for one of their gun belts and another's police vest, according to the indictment.

Each also filed after-action reports that contained false and misleading information and omitted that the defendants had beaten Nichols, authorities said.

In a joint statement, Ben Crump and Antonio Romanucci, attorneys for Nichols's family, said the federal indictment "gives his family hope as they grieve his loss and inspire change in his honor."

The charges came two months after the Justice Department launched a sweeping civil investigation into the Memphis Police Department, an effort that is expected to take more than a year and could lead to a court-ordered consent decree mandating policy changes.

That probe will examine the department's use of force, whether it has inappropriately targeted Black residents in traffic stops and whether it has discriminated more broadly against Black people, Justice Department officials said.

Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Kristen Clarke said at a news conference in Memphis that federal investigators have begun meeting with local officials and community leaders as part of the civil probe.

Clarke said she met with Nichols's parents Tuesday to inform them of the criminal charges.

"It is tragic to see a life cut short at 29," she said. "Tyre Nichols should be alive today."



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People protest the fatal beating of Tyre Nichols, a 29-year-old Black man, in Memphis in January. The city's police department is undergoing a federal investigation into its culture, training and policies.

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First responders try to revive a woman who overdosed on fentanyl in San Diego in November. Cartels in Mexico manufacture the synthetic drug using precursor chemicals from China.

As prescription opioids plummet, new drugs are finding old users

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highest fentanyl death rates — in hard-hit states such as West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio — started out with alarmingly high doses of prescription pills per capita, according to a Washington Post analysis of the DEA data and federal death records.

Counties with the highest average doses of legal pain pills per person from 2006 to 2013 suffered the highest death rates in the nation over the subsequent six years.

Annual overall overdose deaths reached a grim milestone in 2021, surpassing 100,000 for the first time in U.S. history. More than 110,000 people died of drug overdoses in 2022, two-thirds of whom succumbed to synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, according to estimates by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We created a huge cohort of people dependent on opioid pills and when we pulled back on those, we created a heroin wave — and that quickly got replaced by fentanyl, and then people really started dying," said Daniel Ciccarone, a researcher at the University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine who studies street drugs and overdose trends.

The newly released DEA records offer the first public look at data tracking every prescription pain pill manufactured and distributed in the United States between 2015 and 2019. The Post, along with the company that owns the Charleston Gazette-Mail, sued to make the records public and previously published the data covering the years between 2006 and 2014. The Post analyzed hydrocodone and oxycodone shipped to pharmacies and practitioners across the 14 years because they were the pills most widely abused and diverted to the black market. The data was posted Tuesday by SLCG Economic Consulting, a data analytics company working on behalf of the plaintiffs' lawyers.

Today, the opioid crisis has morphed into an even deadlier phase marked by the use of synthetic fentanyl made with precursor chemicals from China, manufactured by drug cartels in Mexico — and smuggled into the United States to devastating effect.

A Post investigation published in December found that illegal fentanyl has become the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 49. Fatal overdoses from fentanyl surged 94 percent from 2019 to 2021, and the drug now claims more lives in the United States than car accidents, gun violence or suicides.

Every prescription opioid saw declines in the final five years of the data except for one, The Post found: buprenorphine, the drug used to treat opioid addiction. Shipments of buprenorphine to pharmacies and practitioners rose significantly as public health officials stressed its importance in curbing the addiction crisis — from 42 million doses in 2006 to 577 million in 2019.

Cities and states involved in the sprawling federal litigation based in Ohio have long alleged that drugmakers, distribution companies, pharmacies and other companies fueled the public health crisis through marketing, shipping and sales of the pills, despite glaring signs that they were feeding insatiable addiction. The companies have denied wrongdoing and, in the past, blamed physicians who overprescribed painkillers, doctors and pharmacists who worked in "pill mills," and users themselves.

More than 300,000 people have died in the United States from prescription opioids since 2000.

Despite the recent decrease, the United States remains awash in pain pills. The new data shows that 45 billion pain pills were shipped between 2015 and 2019. Deaths attributed to prescription opioids — in some cases, mixed with other drugs — still averaged 16,400 annually during that five-year window.

G. Caleb Alexander, an epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, said the decrease in legal pain pills is welcome news. "But we are in a setting where more than 20 years after the epidemic began, we're still losing way too many people from these products," Alexander said.

While some companies have reached settlements, the data could bolster the legal cases against other companies still facing lawsuits over claims they continued to manufacture or distribute suspicious amounts of pain pills despite red flags. Peter J. Mougey, a plaintiffs' lawyer from Pensacola, Fla., said pressure from the litigation has helped slow the volume of pills but it remains at an "epidemic level."

He said companies knew the pain pills created a cycle of addiction leading to the use of heroin and fentanyl. "The devastating legacy of prescription opioids is still haunting our communities," he said. "The defendants created the demand with tremendous oversupply."

Fewer pills, complex reasons

The reasons for the decline in pills nationally are complex. The DEA — which has been criticized for acting too slowly to prevent the diversion of prescription opioids — brought civil enforcement actions against some of the largest pill distributors in the late 2000s and early 2010s, while federal and local law enforcement targeted pill mills and rogue doctors who were feeding the streets.

Demand waned as the medical community changed its views on opioid prescriptions. Public health officials began issuing dire warnings about pain pill abuse, and the medical community realized it had been "duped," said Andrew Kolodny, medical director of the Brandeis University Opioid Policy Research Collaborative. "It starts to figure out that this messaging by the pharmaceutical industry that nobody ever gets addicted is false and that these are not good drugs for chronic pain and that we should stop getting patients stuck on them," he said.

He also pointed to the DEA's move in 2014 that reclassified medications combined with hydrocodone to a riskier class of controlled substances, which made it more burdensome to prescribe the drug for pain for longer periods.

In 2016, the CDC issued landmark guidelines for prescribing opioids that recommended 90 milligrams of morphine or their equivalent as a daily ceiling for opioid use against pain. Some critics said the guidelines harmed patients suffering from long-term pain who had been on higher doses. Doctors grew reluctant to prescribe opioids. Frustrated pain patients had trouble fulfilling orders. By the end of 2019, 39 states had enacted laws and regulations limiting the prescribing or dispensing of opioids.

The new data comes from a DEA database known as ARCOS, or the Automation of Reports and Consolidated Orders System, which details the distribution of pills — from manufacturers to distributors to pharmacies — as reported by companies themselves. By law, companies are required to report the sales data and flag suspicious orders. Plaintiffs' lawyers and the DEA had accused industry players of failing to report suspiciously large orders of pain pills, The Post reported.

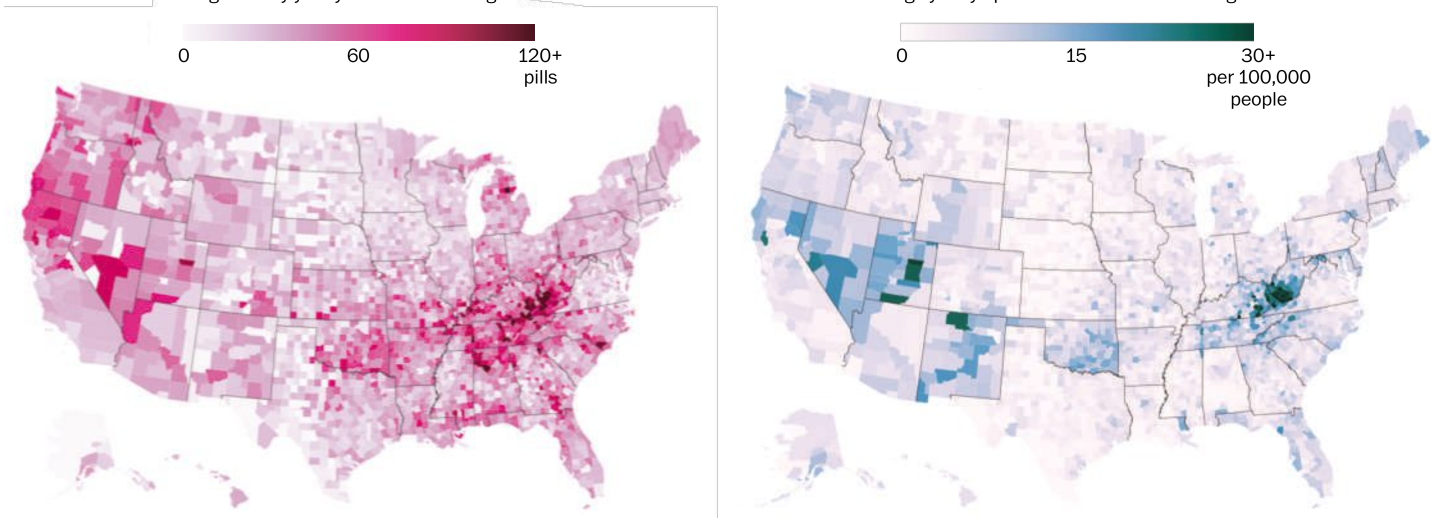
When the database was first released four years ago, the records provided an unprecedented look at the volume of pain pills flooding the nation: Between 2006 and 2012, companies distributed more than 76 billion oxycodone and hydrocodone pills. A subsequent release accounted for an additional 24 billion pills in 2013 and 2014.

The lawsuits targeted major distribution companies that served as the middlemen on the supply chain. Between 2006 and 2014, AmerisourceBergen, McKesson and Cardinal Health distributed just under half of the pain pills to pharmacies and practitioners in the country.

The new data shows that by 2019, their share had grown to 83 percent — as other companies stopped shipping pills. For example, AmerisourceBergen in 2013 took over distribution for Walgreens, which previously acted as its own distributor. In a statement, AmerisourceBergen noted that after 2013, it saw "a consistent year-over-year decline in overall volume of opioid medications" even as sales of other prescription medications increased.

Number of pills per person per year
Average county yearly total 2006 through 2019

Prescription opioid deaths per year
Average yearly opioid death rate 2006 through 2019

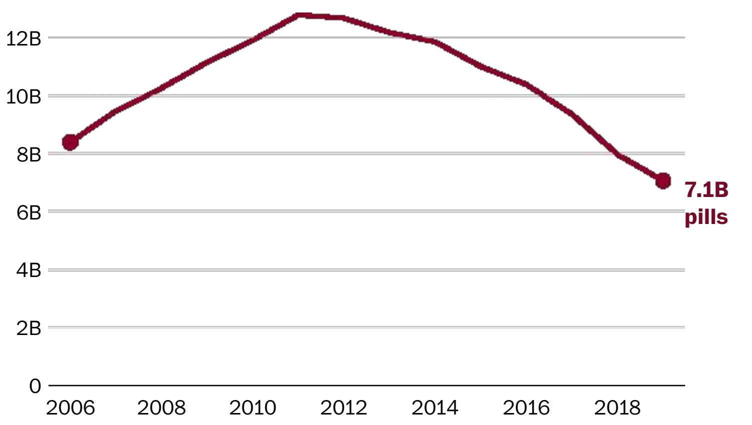


Source: Data compiled by the DEA and CDC and analyzed by The Post

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The rise and fall of prescription pain pills in the United States

The shipment of hydrocodone and oxycodone pills to pharmacies and practitioners rose until 2011 but then started to decline, falling 45 percent from the peak by 2019.

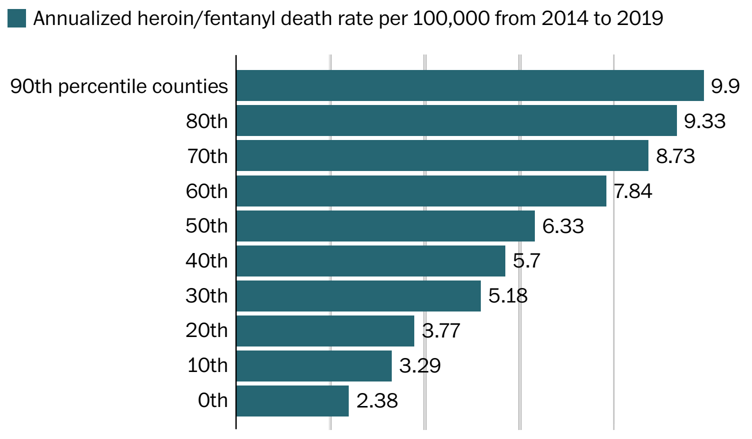


Source: Automation of Reports and Consolidated Orders System

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More illicit opioid deaths followed years of higher doses of pain pills

The 300 U.S. counties that received the most doses of prescription pain pills per capita from 2006 through 2013 later had the highest death rate from illicit opioids like heroin and fentanyl.



Source: Automation of Reports and Consolidated Orders System, CDC mortality data

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The company said it will continue to seek guidance from regulators “on how to most effectively walk the tightrope of providing access to needed, FDA-approved medications while doing our part to combat diversion.”

The market changed for drugmakers, too. Between 2006 and 2014, Mallinckrodt, Actavis and Par Pharmaceutical accounted for 85 percent of pain pills in the country. In the following five years, those companies made up just 57 percent, the new data shows. (Actavis was acquired by Teva Pharmaceuticals in 2016, and Endo Pharmaceuticals acquired Par in 2015.)

By 2019, Mallinckrodt’s SpecGx generics subsidiary still topped the nation in manufacturing pain pills, with 43 percent of the market share.

The company in 2017 reached a $35 million settlement with the Justice Department over allegations of lax oversight of its oxycodone pills. Last month, the U.S. attorney’s office in the Western District of Virginia issued a grand jury subpoena to Mallinckrodt. The subpoena is seeking information on the company’s reporting of suspicious orders for controlled substances from July 2017 to the present, as well as communications between the company and the DEA.

The company has been under a bankruptcy court injunction since 2020 restricting how it handles opioids. Mallinckrodt has said it will cooperate with the U.S. attorney’s office.

Purdue Pharma, which is widely blamed for kick-starting the opioid crisis with the introduction and aggressive marketing of the blockbuster drug OxyContin, and its affiliated generics manufacturer saw their share of the market increase nearly five times over by 2019.

In 2014, the DEA data showed, the companies manufactured 365 million pain pills, accounting for a little more than 3 percent of the pain pill market. Five years later, they manufactured 968 million, or 14 percent of the market, although the strength of pills fell toward the country’s average.

Purdue, in a statement, said its generics manufacturer, Rhodes Pharmaceuticals, picked up market share as other companies left “or decreased their volume of generic products.”

“As a consequence, Rhodes Pharmaceuticals, as a generic manufacturer, does not promote its medication; therefore it did nothing to grow the market,” the company said. It also pointed out that Purdue’s volume of branded products, including OxyContin, fell by 63 percent between 2014 and 2019.

In a statement, the company stressed that Purdue ceased marketing branded opioids and opioid products to health-care professionals in 2018, and eliminated its sales force. Facing thousands of lawsuits, Purdue entered bankruptcy the following year.

To settle the suits, the company has agreed to pay billions to governments, although the bankruptcy plan is paused, for now. The U.S. Supreme Court will weigh whether the Sackler family, which owns Purdue Pharma, can be shielded from future opioid lawsuits in exchange for contributing up to $6 billion over 18 years to the settlement, even though its members did not file for bankruptcy themselves.

A lesser-known player also made market gains: KVK Tech, a generics drug manufacturer based in Newtown, Pa. Before 2009, the company had not manufactured a single pill of oxycodone or hydrocodone, the DEA data shows. By 2019, it rose to be the third-largest manufacturer in the country behind only Mallinckrodt and Purdue. In 2019, the company made 689.6 million pills — about 1 in 10 pain pills in the country, according to the DEA data.

KVK Tech is also facing opioid lawsuits from cities and states in the litigation consolidated in Ohio. The company’s attorney declined to comment, citing the pending litigation.

KVK Tech and two men involved with the company are facing unrelated federal criminal charges over allegations of distributing unapproved drugs and lying to federal regulators. The case is pending.

Many larger companies have settled lawsuits consolidated before U.S. District Judge Dan A. Polster in Ohio. Mallinckrodt, the drugmaker whose blue 30-milligram pills were among the most sought after on the streets, originally agreed to settle with communities for $1.7 billion. It has now entered a second bankruptcy under a plan that will cut nearly $1 billion from the settlement. Endo Pharmaceuticals, which declared bankruptcy last year, agreed to pay nearly $600 million in settlements. Actavis was acquired by the generics-maker Teva Pharmaceuticals, which has settled its suits for more than $4 billion.



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The Mexican Attorney General’s Office unloads fentanyl and meth seized near Ensenada in October.

The Post’s analysis of the data aligns with other health-care industry data. By 2022, the volume of per capita prescription opioid use fell for the 11th straight year, to levels not seen since 2000, according to the IQVIA Institute for Human Data Science, a health-data tracking firm. The firm measured the volume by what’s known as morphine milligram equivalents, or MME, which is used by clinicians and the CDC to measure the potency of an opioid dose relative to morphine.

The firm’s April study noted that the greatest reduction in prescription opioid volume has been among those receiving more than 90 MME per day; health officials say that higher doses of opioids can lead to a greater risk of overdose. In 2012, annual prescription opioid sales nationwide reached $8.5 billion, according to IQVIA, and by 2022 had fallen to $3.8 billion.

“Doctors are humans influenced by culture,” said Ciccarone, of the University of California at San Francisco. “I think the culture of medicine changed partly because of our feeling responsible, partly out of new regulations, partly out of zeitgeist. The pendulum has swung — we’re anti-opioid now.”

Shift to heroin and fentanyl

Even as hydrocodone and oxycodone were still saturating the country in the early 2010s, users were already turning to heroin, which delivered the same euphoria for a fraction of the cost of a black-market pain pill.

In Hamilton County, Ohio, home to Cincinnati, records show enough hydrocodone and oxycodone pills were shipped to provide every resident with 51 pills in 2011. Ohio passed legislation that year to crack down on pill mills. Dozens of doctors and pharmacists lost their licenses over allegations of overprescribing. By 2019, the number was 24 pills per person.

But local drug dealers had long since filled the void with heroin, which was being cut with fentanyl and carfentanil, a chemically related synthetic opioid that is up to 100 times stronger than fentanyl — and is normally used as an elephant tranquilizer. “We’ve never been the same since. When we shut off the prescription pain pills, we opened the door unexpectedly to carfentanil and fentanyl being placed on the streets,” said Thomas W. Synan Jr., the police chief in Newtown, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati.

Synan, a member of the Hamilton County Addiction Response Coalition, recalled that the toll was grim — in one week in 2016, emergency responders dealt with nearly 200 overdoses, in which three people died. That year, 282 people in Hamilton County died of heroin, fentanyl or both. The following year, the number had jumped to 384, with a rate four times higher than the national average, according to CDC data.

There are signs of hope. Overall fatal drug overdoses in Hamilton County in 2022 fell to a six-year low. Synan says 2023 may be even lower. He credits robust responses by the public health department and private organizations that have increased outreach to high-risk users and flooded the streets with naloxone, which is even available in a free vending machine outside Caracole, a Cincinnati nonprofit that works to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Six of the top eight U.S. counties with the largest drop in per capita pills were located in a belt that stretches through West Virginia, southwestern Virginia and Kentucky.

Mingo County, in rural West Virginia on the Kentucky border, received 29 million pills between 2006 and 2009, enough to provide each adult and child with 274 pills per year. Over a decade, 20 millions pills notoriously flowed to just two pharmacies blocks apart in the small town of Williamson, which had a population of fewer than 3,200. The new DEA data reveals that in 2019, Mingo County received just 21 pills per person, or the national average.

In Cabell County, W.Va., another hot spot of the opioid crisis, more than 81 million prescription hydrocodone and oxycodone pills were distributed over a nine-year span ending in 2014 — enough for 94 pills for every adult and child per year. The new DEA data shows pills in the county fell to 42 per person by 2019, a 62 percent drop from the county’s peak, but still twice the national average.

Richie Armstrong, 33, started on prescription low-dose opioids as a teenager after he fell off a ladder. After he became addicted, he scored powerful OxyContin pills on the streets in West Virginia. He said he went to prison for larceny — stealing to feed his habit — and was released in 2013. “When I got out of prison, all the Oxy was gone,” he said. “Heroin was everywhere.”

He cycled in and out of treatment and jail for the next three years. In 2016, Armstrong overdosed on what he thought was heroin. He was out cold for six minutes, saved by CPR from a friend and a shot of the opioid antidote naloxone from paramedics. That was the year he got sober. Armstrong, who now works as an outreach coordinator for the Kathy Ireland Recovery Centers and Wise Path Recovery Centers, survived where many others did not. In 2017, Cabell County had far and away the nation’s highest death rate — 135 out of every 100,000 people — from heroin and fentanyl overdoses, according to The Post’s analysis of CDC data.

“I still have friends dying. I have been to more funerals for friends than I care to admit,” he said. “And it all started with the pills.”



THE WORLD

Israel's high court takes up overhaul cutting its power

If the justices reject the changes to the judiciary approved by lawmakers and the government ignores the ruling, the country faces unprecedented risks

BY STEVE HENDRIX AND SHIRA RUBIN



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JERUSALEM — In what is being described as the most important judicial proceeding in its history, Israel's Supreme Court on Tuesday heard petitions about whether the court itself could have its powers of legal oversight stripped away by the legislature.

The process, which will last for months, comes as the deeply polarized country has been racked by protests and teeters on the edge of a grave constitutional crisis as the most right-wing government in its history seeks to change how the country's institutions function.

The arguments, which started just after 9 a.m. local time, are being heard by all 15 justices, an unprecedented seating of the entire court. An editorial Tuesday in the daily Haaretz called it "the most important Supreme Court hearing in Israel's history," yet it is not even clear that the government will respect the final decision.

After eight months of mass street protests, strikes and roadblocks — including tens of thousands of people gathering outside the court the night before the start of the hearings — the issues have distilled into legal arguments over the division of powers in a country with no written constitution and a system of legislative oversight that almost exclusively relies on the Supreme Court.

The court has effectively been asked to judge its own fate by petitioners who claim a government vote in July was a power grab at the expense of judicial independence. Specifically, the governing coalition decided to rescind the court's power to annul government actions that it deemed "unreasonable."

Simcha Rothman, the Knesset member who spearheaded the legislation, argued during Tuesday's hearing that the justices were acting as "privileged elite," working to overturn the will of the people.

"It is clear to me that your honors believe that you are acting properly," Rothman said. "But if you will be the final arbiters on this question, where are the balances and where are the brakes?"

Supreme Court President Esther Hayut responded that the hearing was not about the members of the court, but this specific legislation.

"We are not concerned with our dignity or our status," she said. "We are addressing the public's vital interests when duties that oblige the administrative authority, in this case, the government, are violated."

Whichever way the court rules, the prospects for a crisis in governance are high. Some key ministers have said they would not obey a ruling that reverses their July vote to trim the court's powers of judicial review. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has refused to say clear that he would comply. Last week, Netanyahu retweeted a video of a speech by the Knesset speaker, who said that "the Knesset will not surrender and accept being trampled upon."

If the court strikes the law down, it will be the first time it has reversed a legislative change to a "basic law," a protected category of statute that is equivalent to a constitutional amendment. It also may uphold the law but try to limit its application. In either scenario, it is unclear whether the government would abide by the decision.

ABOVE: Israelis demonstrate Monday in Jerusalem in opposition to a judicial overhaul backed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's right-wing government. RIGHT: In an unprecedented seating of the entire Israeli Supreme Court, all 15 justices hear arguments Tuesday in Jerusalem regarding whether the court itself could have its powers of legal oversight stripped away by the legislature. Some key ministers have said they would not obey a ruling that reverses the July vote to trim the court's powers.



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"The constitutional crisis is already here," Tzipi Livni, a former justice minister and opponent of the judicial changes, said at the mass rally outside the court Monday night.

The controversy has wreaked havoc on Israeli stability, causing the currency to drop, investors to flee and a split in military ranks that led commanders to warn government ministers of a readiness crisis.

Demonstrators filled central Jerusalem the day before the Supreme Court session, pouring out of the train station and packing the streets around the court, the parliament and the prime minister's office. Police pushed back on their attempts to surround the court Monday.

Some had camped near the court. Amid heavy police presence, Tuesday's smaller crowd beat drums and blew vuvuzelas — prompting honks from supportive motorists — and vowed to continue to fill the streets and fight against the judicial overhaul.

"Now we wait for the Supreme Court," said Eyal Jaffe, 71, a retired colonel who leads a group of veterans of the 1973 Yom Kippur war that had been keeping vigil outside the court for the past 24 hours. "And if this revolution continues, we will continue to protest."

The hearing began with extra security around the court building and inside. The government is presenting its arguments first, followed by lawyers for the opponents.

Ilan Bombach, a lawyer for the government, told the justices that the high court lacks the authority to second-guess a change to a basic law voted on by the Knesset and that the current arguments were for elected legislators to decide.

A judge then asked what would happen if the Knesset were to legislate away rights the Supreme Court has been ensuring.

"That is an extreme scenario," Bombach said. "The government and the Knesset expect the Supreme Court to trust them that they will not use what could be considered a nuclear weapon."

Unusually, the government is not being represented by Israeli Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara, who not only opposes the change to the law but also sent her own lawyer to argue against it.

"When the government tells us 'trust us,' we have to be very careful," Anar Helman, the attorney general's representative, told the court after a lunch break.

Government supporters, opponents and international diplomats packed into the narrow hearing room.

Among them was Amit Becher, the head of the Israel Bar Association and one of the petitioners who said Tuesday on X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter, that "the struggle is long but in the end democracy and Zionism will win."

Justice Minister Yariv Levin, a staunch advocate of the judicial overhaul, posted on Facebook that the Supreme Court hearing itself was "a fatal blow to democracy and the status of the Knesset. . . . The people are the sovereign, and their will is expressed in the basic laws enacted by the Knesset."

The debate inside and outside the court walls illustrated the pervasive split in how Israelis view the high court. The right denounces the court as an elitist, leftist, secular institution that has acted as an obstacle to government policies that it says reflect the will of the voters.

The left sees it as one of the last democratic pillars, a guardian of minority rights.

Netanyahu was not at the court Tuesday, instead convening an unusual session of the full cabinet, a meeting that included his chief legal adviser.

The prime minister has said that he has spent the past week in search of a compromise that would head off the need for a controversial court ruling, or at least postpone it. The longtime leader's standing in polls, and among the international community, has eroded significantly amid the controversy.

He is to travel to New York next week and hopes to receive a belated invitation to meet with President Biden, who has been critical of the judicial overhaul. On Monday, Israel's Channel 12 announced that Netanyahu would meet with X owner Elon Musk in San Fransisco before addressing the U.N. General Assembly later in the week.

Tzachi Hanegbi, Israel's national security adviser and a longtime Netanyahu ally, said last month that Netanyahu's office expected an invitation to the White House. But on Sunday, he simply stated in an interview with 103FM, a local radio station, that the two leaders would be in New York at the same time.

Rubin reported from Tel Aviv.

DIGEST

IRAN

5 prisoners identified for swap with U.S.

Iran on Tuesday identified the five prisoners it hopes to see freed in the United States in exchange for five Iranian Americans now held in Tehran and billions in assets once held by South Korea.

The acknowledgment by the Iranian mission to the United Nations in New York comes as the Biden administration has issued a blanket waiver for international banks to transfer $6 billion in frozen Iranian money from South Korea to Qatar without fear of U.S. sanctions.

The moves by both Tehran and Washington appear to signal the prisoner swap is progressing.

In a statement to the Associated Press, Ali Karimi Magham, a spokesman for the Iranian mission, confirmed the list of prisoners that Tehran wants released: Iranians Kaveh Lotfolah Afrasiabi, Mehrdad Ansari and Reza Sarhangpour Kafrani, Iranian and permanent U.S. resident Amin Hasanzadeh, and Iranian American Kambiz Attar Kashani.

— Associated Press

NIGER

French official held in junta-run country

France's Foreign Ministry said Tuesday that a French official has been arrested in military-run Niger, and called for the junta to immediately release him.

Military officers in Niger deposed the elected president, Mohamed Bazoum, in July and last month ordered French officials to leave the country — an order that France has refused to heed, saying that Niger's junta is not the country's legitimate authority.

The ministry said on X, the platform formerly known as Twitter, that Stephane Jullien, counselor for French citizens abroad — a nondiplomatic, elected post — was arrested Friday, and called for his immediate release.

The arrest of a French official was sure to further raise already high tensions between France and Niger, its former colony.

— Associated Press

MEXICO

Gunmen kill AG's delegate to Guerrero

Gunmen killed the representative of Mexico's Attorney General's Office in the southern state of Guerrero on Tuesday, according to authorities.

Fernando García Fernández was attacked in his vehicle near his office in the state capital of Chilpancingo. The Guerrero state prosecutor's office confirmed García's killing and said it had opened an investigation.

The killing came just days after a regional prosecutor for the Guerrero state prosecutor's office was killed in Coyuca de Catalan.

— Associated Press

Rebels briefly seize army base in northern Mali: Mali's army clashed with northern Tuareg rebels who briefly seized control of a military camp in the town of Bourem on Tuesday, a rebel spokesman said, another sign of the unraveling of a 2015 peace accord that had kept fighting at bay. An alliance called the Coordination of Azawad Movements (CMA) has been fighting the army since August, triggered in part by the departure of a United Nations peacekeeping mission that for years had helped broker a fragile calm. But clashes appear to be intensifying as both sides seek to control territory in areas recently vacated by the United Nations. Bourem is just 55 miles north of the strategic city of Gao. CMA spokesperson Mohamed Elmaouloud Ramadane confirmed that the group had taken control of the camp, but later told Reuters that the group had retreated and that the army held the town of Bourem, saying the rebel group's objective had not been to stay. Previous CMA strategy has been to attack military camps to take weapons, vehicles and ammunition, though Ramadane did not say that had happened.

Zimbabwe's reelected leader appoints son, nephew to posts: Newly reelected Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa swore in a new cabinet on Tuesday after appointing one of his sons and one of his nephews to deputy minister posts. Mnangagwa's Cabinet was largely made up of loyalists from his ruling ZANU-PF party. The move to appoint his 34-year-old son, David Kudakwashe Mnangagwa, as deputy finance minister and nephew, Tongai Mnangagwa, as deputy tourism minister was criticized by the opposition. Mnangagwa, 80, did not include any members of the main opposition Citizens Coalition for Change party, which has rejected his victory in elections last month. The credibility of the vote was also questioned by Western and African observers.

— From news services

George W. Bush recalls dinner served by Russia's Prigozhin: 'I survived'

The late 'Putin's chef' turned mercenary was at summit in St. Petersburg

BY ADELA SULIMAN

Former president George W. Bush was recently surprised to realize he was served by Wagner mercenary group boss Yevgeniy Prigozhin during a dinner with Russian President Vladimir Putin years ago.

Bush, 77, was asked during a conference over the weekend whether he was shocked to learn of the recent death of Prigozhin in a plane crash months after Prigozhin led a short-lived rebellion against the Russian military leadership.

"No," Bush replied. "What's shocking to me is I saw a picture the other day of a G-8 summit in St. Petersburg, where he was the guy serving me the food," Bush said. "He was Putin's chef."

The image was taken as Bush and his wife, Laura, attended a dinner with Putin and his then-wife, Lyudmila, in 2006, during a Group of Eight summit. Prigozhin is seen leaning close to Bush's shoulder while holding out a bottle.



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Yevgeniy Prigozhin holds a bottle alongside President George W. Bush and his wife, left, as they dine with the Putins in 2006.

The 43rd president said he didn't recall meeting Prigozhin but quipped: "All I know is I survived."

Prigozhin ran successful restaurants in St. Petersburg that were frequented by Putin in the 1990s, when Putin was a top political aide in the city. As Putin rose to power, he sent lucrative food service contracts with schools and the military toward Prigozhin's catering company, Concord, earning Prigozhin the nickname "Putin's chef."

He soon became a firm ally of Putin's, leading mercenary forces to advance Russia's military interests in Syria, West Africa and, most recently, Ukraine. However, Prigozhin began to denounce the Defense Ministry's treatment of his forces in the Ukraine war and publicly criticized what he called

> *"Now that we're in, we've got to give them what they need to win."*
> **Former president George W. Bush,** on U.S. support for Ukraine

inadequate military and financial support for his troops.

In June, Prigozhin and Wagner forces swept into the southern Russian city of Rostov-on-Don, seizing a military headquarters and advancing toward Moscow. The Kremlin scrambled to defuse the mutiny, leading to an arrangement in which Prigozhin was to leave for neighboring Belarus and avoid prosecution in Russia.

Putin has only vaguely acknowledged Prigozhin's death. In televised remarks Aug. 24, the day after the plane crash, Putin spoke of Prigozhin in the past tense and expressed condolences to the families of all those killed. Putin described Prigozhin as "a man of complex fate" who "made serious mistakes in his life."

Bush, on first meeting Putin in 2001, famously said he had gotten a "sense of his soul" and found Putin to be "trustworthy."

On Sunday, speaking to the Yalta European Strategy conference via video link from Texas, Bush said his initial judgment has changed over the years. He called Putin a "wily politician who's not afraid to use power" and said he believes the Russian leader is more powerful today than he was when Bush was president.

Despite that, he said the Russian leader "bit off a little more than he could chew" with the Ukraine war and noted that military morale in Russia is probably running low.

Asked Sunday about U.S. support for Ukraine, Bush said Washington should not demand that Ukrainians give up land to an "invader" to achieve peace.

"The United States should not try to impose a peace on a democratically elected government," he said. "But we're in. And now that we're in, we've got to give them what they need to win," he said of weapons support, which has been a divisive issue among some Republicans. However, Bush said Kyiv should ensure that it is avoiding corruption.

The dinner snapshot with Bush, Putin and Prigozhin was taken on July 14, 2006, when ties between Washington and Moscow were less fraught and the United States was seeking to facilitate Russia's admission to the World Trade Organization. It was the first time the G-8 had met in Russia, which joined the Group of Seven bloc of industrialized nations in 1997, making it the G-8. Russia was suspended from the group in 2014 after its illegal annexation of Crimea.

Another photograph from that trip appears to show an encounter a few days later, as Prigozhin, wearing a white bow tie, stands behind Bush and Putin as they attend a working dinner with other leaders of the G-8 nations.

Bush, who left office in 2009, told the conference, "I don't miss power and fame," and he said he has mostly tried to regain a "sense of anonymity" after leaving the White House. But he said it was important that the United States and "collective nations who believe in a free Ukraine" support Kyiv and President Volodymyr Zelensky. He urged Ukrainians to "hang in there."

Asked whether Putin's leadership could survive losing the war in Ukraine, Bush told the conference: "That's up to the Russian people. ... They're smart people."

Brian Murphy contributed to this report.

Journalist, Nobel laureate Ressa acquitted of final tax counts in Philippines

BY REGINE CABATO

MANILA — Philippine American journalist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Maria Ressa was acquitted of tax evasion Tuesday in the last tax case against her in what human rights advocates described as a government-led harassment campaign to stifle the free press in the Philippines.

The verdict from a Pasig City court in Manila essentially clears Ressa, 59, and her digital news company Rappler after almost five years of trials on multiple charges. Ressa and Rappler are still appealing two other cases: a previous conviction for cyberlibel in 2020, for which she is out on bail, and an order to close Rappler's operations.

"This is a victory not just for Rappler but for everyone who has kept the faith that a free and responsible press empowers communities and strengthens democracy," Rappler said in a statement.

The cases began in 2018, against a backdrop of critical reporting by Rappler about then-President Rodrigo Duterte, a tough-talking populist infamous for his bloody "war on drugs" that left tens of thousands dead.

Government accusations of foreign ownership and tax evasion were widely viewed by human rights watchdogs as attempts to put Rappler out of business and silence one of the loudest critical voices in the news media. The country's biggest broadcasting network, ABS-CBN, was also taken off the air.

Ressa would have faced up to 10 years in prison and a $1,700 fine if she had been convicted on the charge. She was acquitted of four other charges of tax evasion by the Philippine Court of Tax Appeals early this year, but that case is under review after a government petition.

Julie Posetti, global director of research at the International Center for Journalists, who has studied online attacks against Ressa, called for the remaining cases against Rappler to be dropped. "The [Ferdinand Marcos Jr.] government must distance itself once and for all from the Duterte-era attacks on the Nobel laureate and her news outlet," said Posetti, who co-leads the international Hold the Line Coalition, a support network for Ressa during the campaign against Rappler.

Marcos, the son of a previous dictator, won the presidency last year in a landslide election alongside Duterte's daughter Sara, now the vice president.

The government tax cases against Ressa and her company are based on the accusation that Rappler did not declare alleged unlawful investments from foreign investors, including the Omidyar Network of eBay founder and philanthropist Pierre Omidyar. The government alleged that Rappler was involved in selling securities through Philippine depository receipts and thus skipped out on paying over 600,000 pesos — some $11,000 — in taxes. Rappler has countered that depository receipts are not taxable.

Before founding Rappler in 2012, Ressa was a CNN correspondent and, later, led operations at the Philippines' then largest broadcaster, ABS-CBN. That network was taken off the air in 2020 when the Duterte-backed majority in the Congress rejected its franchise. She was named Time magazine's Person of the Year in 2018, and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2021 along with Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov.

The Philippines has consistently ranked among the deadliest countries in the world for journalists, with over 150 media workers killed since 1992. It ranks 132 out of 180 in Reporters Without Borders' Press Freedom Index.

Observers and journalists initially expected the state of press freedom to continue to deteriorate under Marcos. On the campaign trail, he shunned the traditional press in favor of hyper-partisan influencers, as trolls and supporters harassed journalists critical of his family.

But with Marcos seeking to rehabilitate his family image and court the West, maintaining Duterte-era grudges could be seen as counterproductive, experts say. Human Rights Watch senior researcher Carlos Conde said the Ressa verdict adds pressure for Marcos to maintain a commitment to human rights.

"Clearly, [the] verdict shows just how badly his predecessor weaponized the law against critics," Conde said. "This should also signal to international actors that much remains at stake as far as rights in Philippines is concerned and they should leverage this ruling to demand ... more compliance to international human rights laws and standards."

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A destroyed bridge is seen above floodwaters in the coastal Libyan city of Derna on Tuesday after Storm Daniel caused devastating floods.

Floods in Libya leave deadly path of destruction



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A man stands amid flood debris, including a damaged car, in Derna on Tuesday. Authorities said at least 2,000 people have been found dead, and many more are missing.

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bodies covered in shrouds, blocks of buildings damaged or destroyed, overturned cars strewn along mud-covered roads. Images shared on social media, and captured by journalists, show entire neighborhoods riven by the surging flood.

Tamer Ramadan, head of the Libyan delegation of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, said a staggering number of people remain missing — up to 10,000 in the five most affected cities.

"Our teams on the ground are still doing their assessment, but from what we see and from the news coming to us, the death toll is huge," Ramadan told reporters in Geneva via video from Tunisia. He said he expects the number of deaths to be in the thousands.

President Biden sent "deepest condolences to all the families who have lost loved ones in the devastating floods in Libya," in a statement posted Tuesday to X, formerly Twitter. "The United States is sending emergency funds to relief organizations and coordinating with the Libyan authorities and the UN to provide additional support."

Authorities in both the east and the west declared Derna a disaster zone on Monday after the water poured through it, submerging parts of the city in copper-colored liquid.

"At first we just thought it was heavy rain but at midnight we heard a huge explosion and it was the dam bursting," Raja Sassi, 39, told Reuters. He escaped with his wife and small child. But other members of his family died, he said, and the city was full of corpses.

Other Derna residents told Reuters they survived by hanging onto floating furniture for hours, or running for blocks along rooftops.

So far, three members of the Libyan Red Crescent have been confirmed dead, Ramadan said, and a fourth remains missing.

An aid worker for the Danish Refugee Council's Libya team died "selflessly taking part in rescue efforts" in Derna, the humanitarian group said in a statement.

The government in western Libya rushed to help the east after the apocalyptic images surfaced. Telecommunications networks were down Monday and early Tuesday. Abdul Jalil said the authorities lost contact with Derna's emergency services at 3:30 a.m. The TV channel al-Masar said it also could not reach its correspondents on the ground.

In a statement early Tuesday, Gen. Khalifa Hifter, head of a coalition of factions and irregular fighters in the east known as the Libyan National Army (LNA), called on other parts of the country to help the cities and towns in the Green Mountain area, which includes Derna and other affected areas.

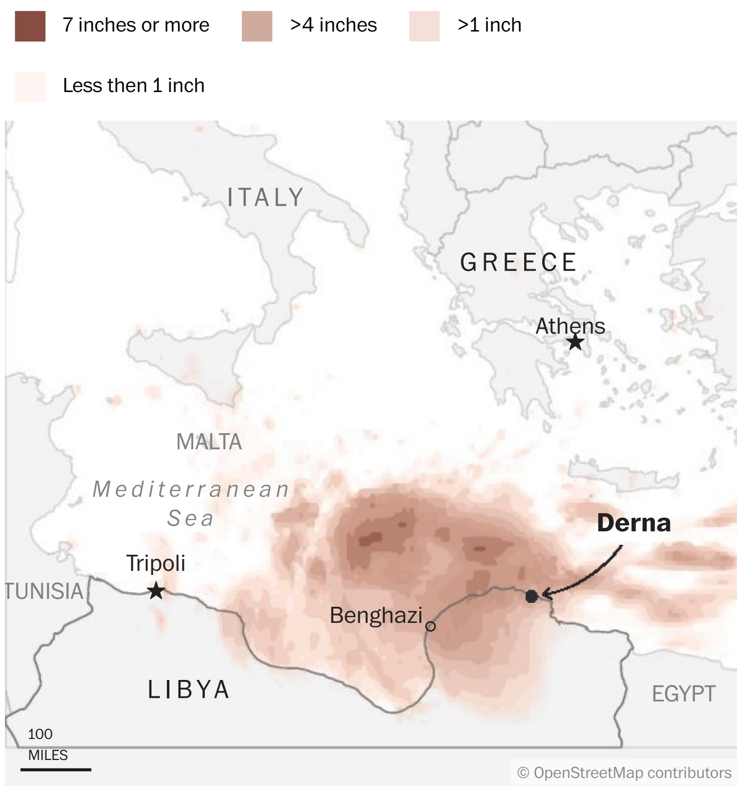
That help could be slow to come. Mary Fitzgerald, a Libya expert at the Middle East Institute, a Washington think tank, said political elites in both the country's east and west "have not prioritized the huge infrastructural challenges Libya faces" after years of war and governmental neglect.

"Many Libyans would say this was a disaster waiting to happen and a stark and very shocking reminder of how bad infrastructure has been," she said.

The U.N.-recognized government based in Tripoli "has little or no influence on what happens in eastern Libya," where Hifter is the de facto authority and restricts access, a further complication to relief efforts. "But the government in Tripoli holds the purse strings and dispenses funds."

The United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Jordan, supporters of the LNA, have dispatched search-and-rescue teams and medical personnel to provide assistance.

Three-day rainfall totals as of Sept. 11



Source: NASA

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Turkey, which has traditionally supported the LNA's foe in Tripoli, the Government of National Accord, said it has dispatched three planes carrying search-and-rescue teams and humanitarian supplies.

The U.N. refugee agency said Tuesday that it had transferred "urgent relief items like blankets, hygiene kits, and solar lamps to cover immediate needs of 5,000 affected people."

The U.S. special envoy for Libya, Ambassador Richard Norland, said Libyan Americans have also reached out, "anxious to make private contributions to relief efforts."

Asmahan Belaoun, a member of parliament with family ties to Derna, told The Washington Post on Monday that the highest priorities are providing a telecommunications network and helicopters to find survivors. She added that as winter approaches, the dams must be urgently rebuilt to keep any future flooding at bay.

With roads severed and communications networks down, it remains difficult even to speak to people in the area to assess the scale of the damage and take stock of the missing, said Moussan, of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

At present, the organization is focused on providing shelter and food assistance. But soon, one of its most important functions will be managing the dead, she said, in the hope that bodies can be stored in such a way that loved ones might one day be able to identify them.

U.K. debates proposed ban on American XL bully dogs

BY JENNIFER HASSAN

LONDON — The British government wants to ban American XL bully dogs, a breed responsible for a spate of attacks in the United Kingdom in recent years — some of them fatal — prompting fierce debate over who should be held responsible for pet violence: the animals or their owners.

Home Secretary Suella Braverman said the breed, known for its stocky, muscular appearance, is a "clear and lethal danger" to people, particularly children. She announced Sunday that she was seeking "urgent advice" on banning the dogs and cited an XL bully attack on three people, including an 11-year-old, over the weekend.



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The British government wants to ban the American XL bully after several fatal dog attacks last year in Britain involving the breed.

There are several variations of the American bully, a breed the American Bully Kennel Club describes as giving "the impression of great strength for its size." Versions of the breed — which comes from the American pit bull terrier — include standard, pocket, classic and XL; bullies are classified as XL if they are taller than 50 cm (20 inches). XL bully dogs can weigh up to 60 kg (132 pounds) and sell from $1,200 to $12,000, according to experts and online listings viewed by The Washington Post.

Though Britain's major dog associations don't officially recognize the breed, XL bullies have gained popularity in the country in recent years, with many perceiving their size and strength as a status symbol.

Of the 10 fatal dog attacks in Britain last year, more than half involved an XL bully, the Guardian reported. Footage of the attack Braverman cited shows an off-leash XL bully running through the streets of Birmingham, England, biting people while others flee in horror. West Midlands Police said the victims were taken to hospital, while the owner was "spoken to by officers."

The 11-year-old told Sky News on Monday that the dog bit her arm, then her shoulder. She agreed the breed should be banned, adding: "The owner should be in prison."

Britain has seen at least two fatal XL bully attacks this year. In January, 28-year-old Natasha Johnston was killed while walking eight dogs; a forensic report revealed that she died of "multiple penetrating bites to the neck." Police later said they "put to sleep" an XL bully she owned. In May, 37-year-old Jonathan Hogg was killed by an American XL bully he was looking after for a friend. He suffered multiple wounds and died of his injuries, British media reported, and police killed the dog.

Dog attacks are a worldwide issue, accounting for tens of millions of injuries annually, the World Health Organization reported, noting that the highest risk is among children. In the United States, about 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year, the WHO said.

In Britain, if an owner is believed to be in possession of a banned breed without special court permission, police or local officials have the authority to seize the dog — even if it is not acting dangerously. An expert then assesses if the dog is a risk. In some cases, the dog is killed. Sometimes it is released to the owner, who has to agree to follow stringent rules, including muzzling it at all times in public, and neutering and microchipping it.

It is illegal in Britain to own a dog that is dangerously out of control, an offense that carries an unlimited fine and a prison sentence of up to six months. If your dog injures someone, you may be sent to prison for up to five years; if your dog kills someone, you can be sentenced for up to 14 years.

Experts and social media users were split on whether the recent attacks justify an XL bully ban.

"The XL bully is the most dangerous dog breed I've ever seen," Stan Rawlinson, a dog behavioral expert, told BBC radio on Monday. He expressed support for a ban, saying these dogs have an "enhanced prey drive" and "reactivity that is totally off the scale." As of Tuesday, a petition urging the government to criminalize selling, owning or breeding XL bullies had garnered over 16,000 signatures.

When asked about the XL bully attack, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said in a statement it takes dog attacks and antisocial behavior "very seriously" and is "making sure the full force of the law is being applied."

Some British tabloids appeared to back the government's move: "Ban XL devil dogs," read the Sun's front page Monday. "New dog attack chaos: Terror on our streets," the Mirror's cover said.

But Adam Spivey, founder of Southend Dog Training, told The Post that he does not support the proposed ban, urging the government to clamp down on irresponsible breeders and dog owners instead. "XL bullies are not the problem," he said. "Humans are the problem."

"If you unclip that lead and you know that dog will attack someone, you are deploying a deadly weapon," Spivey said. He called for more stringent prison terms for the owners of violent dogs, which he said could make people think twice: "People would be quicker to muzzle their dogs, they would take dog ownership and training much more seriously."

Spivey also said that after an attack, it is the bite victim and the dog — which is usually killed — that suffer, while owners often remain free to buy another dog. "There's nothing to deter these people getting these dogs and having them out of control," he said.

If the XL bully is banned, it would join the list of four others banned in Britain under the Dangerous Dogs Act: the pit bull terrier, the Japanese tosa, the dogo Argentino and the fila Brasileiro.

"Banning breeds will not change anything. Say you ban the XL bully, there'll be another breed after that and another breed after that," Spivey said. "If you want to see real change, then you need to target the other end of the lead, and that's the irresponsible dog owners."

As many backed the ban, many others, including XL bully owners, defended the breed on social media, posting photos of their beloved pets on social media.

"My XL Bully is the sweetest boy ever, so placid and loves everyone," one person posted on X, formerly Twitter. "I have 3 breeds in my household and with love respect and ownership these [dogs] are amazing and loving," wrote another.

Spivey echoed their remarks, explaining that if bred correctly, socialized and trained, these dogs can make great family pets. "They can be gentle giants," Spivey said.

He also called out some dog breeders who, he said, focus on "pure profit" over responsibility. "Breeding is an art," Spivey said. "Putting together genetically stable parents that are healthy and have good temperaments is an art."

After crocodiles escape amid flood, Chinese city warns of dangerous waters

BY LYRIC LI

The southern Chinese city of Maoming has urged residents to stay away from bodies of water as it struggles to locate and capture dozens of crocodiles that fled a farm during weekend flooding.

The Siamese crocodiles, including 69 adults and six babies, were confirmed missing after about four months' worth of rain pelted the subtropical city Saturday and Sunday. Parts of Maoming, in Guangdong province, were submerged in up to 3.3 feet of floodwater from back-to-back typhoons.

Authorities are "trying to keep things under control, but the number of escaped crocodiles is a bit too many," state-run Dazhong Daily cited the district emergency management bureau as saying.

Residents in the city's southern Maonan district, a major freshwater aquaculture base that housed the crocodile farm, have been told to stay vigilant and avoid going out, especially keeping away from rivers, lakes and reservoirs, the newspaper reported.

Videos posted to Douyin, TikTok's Chinese platform, apparently showed crocodiles popping up their heads on a flooded road around a lake in Maoming.

An officer with the city's emergency response department, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to comment before an official statement is released, said that more than a dozen of the escaped crocodiles have been found but that "there could still be over 50 out there."

Police, firefighters and emergency responders with underwater sonar equipment have been mobilized for the search, and multiple teams are patrolling on motorboats, yet "we are not quite sure where they are," the officer said, adding that there were no casualty reports as of Tuesday morning.

Paramilitary forces stationed in the area have received orders to shoot dead any crocodile that emerges from the deep-water zone, Southern Metropolis Daily reported, which also cited villagers who visited the farm as saying the smallest adult crocodiles there weigh at least 220 pounds. Warning signs have been set up around the perimeter of the inundated farms and cropland, the newspaper reported.

Maoming and the broader Guangdong province have been battered by two typhoons in two weeks, with Saola and Haikui wreaking havoc across Taiwan and southern China. Landslides caused by extreme downpours Sunday and Monday have killed at least seven people in the neighboring Guangxi region, state media reported Tuesday. Hong Kong's streets turned into rivers last week, as a quarter of all the rainfall expected for a year fell in 24 hours.

Maoming has some of the country's largest crocodile farms, with crocodile skin manufacturing facilities in nearby cities. Crocodile meat is also a local delicacy.

The farming and trade of live crocodiles are allowed under Chinese law, and cases of farmed reptiles running loose are not uncommon in the country. In 2013, crocodiles reportedly escaped from a farm in the same city after the barbed wire around the property became rusty and flimsy after prolonged flooding. Two months later, several dozen crocodiles got out of their farm enclosure in Shantou city after flooding. And in 2022, a farmer in Yibin, in southwestern Sichuan province, reported that six of his farmed crocodiles went missing, prompting the city to issue a warning to swimmers.

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Rigid government impedes Morocco's quake response

Monarchy's centralized decision-making hinders dispatch of rescuers, aid

BY CLAIRE PARKER

MARRAKESH, MOROCCO — From devastated mountain villages, to a shaken yet largely spared Marrakesh, survivors of last week's 6.8-magnitude earthquake in Morocco have criticized the government's response as too little, too late — many bodies are still trapped under rubble, and many communities are relying on local groups and volunteers for support.

The earthquake, which killed at least 2,901 people, was the worst to hit Morocco in more than a hundred years. The terrain around its epicenter — in the Atlas Mountains — is difficult to navigate, with isolated villages at dizzying elevations, accessible only by narrow, winding roads.

But analysts also attributed the sluggish and poorly coordinated disaster response to Morocco's constitutional monarchy, in which decision-making is highly centralized and lower-level officials fear taking action without approval from the royal palace.

"This is a monarchy, and nobody wants to deal with the aftermath of showing up and saying, 'I'll take control of this situation,'" said Intissar Fakir, director of the North Africa and Sahel program at the Washington-based Middle East Institute think tank.

Under Morocco's political system, ruled since 1999 by King Mohammed VI, power is concentrated in the palace in Rabat. Decision-making is top-down. The government is led by a prime minister appointed by the king.

Announcements of government initiatives at any level almost always specify they come at the king's behest — a sign, Fakir said, of the extent to which officials worry about stepping out of line.

This deference "takes on a life of its own and becomes really how everyone operates," she said. "And that's what causing a lot of this bottleneck — you have everything sort of gummed up at the top, waiting for one man, one person to make a decision."

Morocco's Interior Ministry did not respond to a request for comment.

Soon after footage of the quake's destruction began to spread across the world, a variety of countries offered aid to Morocco.

Spain was among the few to get approval from the Moroccan government to send support. A team of Spanish rescue workers began missions around the Atlas region on Monday, using dogs to try to sniff out survivors.

"We have not found anyone so far, but we will not cease," Alberto Vásquez, from the Spanish military unit for emergencies, said in a phone interview Tuesday.

Other countries never received the green light to send aid or rescuers.

Neighbors have relied on neighbors to dig survivors out of the rubble, sharing whatever food and supplies they could. In many places, the first outside responders to show up were private organizations or citizens who had traveled from major cities to stitch wounds or hand out water.

When a team of Moroccan volunteer medics arrived in the decimated village of Talat N'Yaaqoub on Sunday, local authorities handed them jackets and they got to work treating the injured.

"We were the first to arrive there, on the extremely difficult road to navigate, with a bulldozer in front of us pushing rock as we moved," said one member of the team, Hamza Zilaf.

The group led the medical response in seven villages. The official Moroccan civil protection service arrived later, he said.

Some foreign organizations are on the ground, including the Spanish foundation SAMU. A team with two dogs drove from Seville and took a ferry to Morocco, where it encountered some resistance from the border patrol before being allowed through, according to team member Borja González de Escalada.

Regional intelligence authorities in Marrakesh directed them to Adassil, a remote village some 70 miles to the southwest, where the team set up a command post to treat the injured and make small expeditions to harder-to-reach places in the mountains.

"We're basically the only ones here," González de Escalada said in a phone interview on Tuesday. "No NGOs, no rescue teams. It's a very distant area."

Typically, the World Health Organization is on the scene in disaster zones to coordinate. But not here.

"There's very little coordination," he said. "Just a few army officers are the ones organizing the aid."

Some of the most devastated places can only be reached by helicopter, said Erin Gore, chief executive of World Central Kitchen, a front-line humanitarian organization founded by celebrity chef José Andrés. The organization deployed less than 24 hours after the quake, working directly with local chefs — rather than officials — to coordinate.

Using two light choppers, the team has been flying to isolated communities to bring hot meals and water — and to fly injured quake victims to hospitals. In some of the villages, residents had not yet received any aid, Gore said.

Other international disaster-response organizations were still stuck in Marrakesh on Tuesday, waiting for the necessary authorization from authorities to proceed.

Sometimes, Morocco's centralized system has been helpful: Authorities were praised for their response to the coronavirus pandemic, quickly implementing mask mandates and other measures to limit the virus's spread.

But the system is not built to respond to a major natural disaster.

"In this instance, it was very much caught on its back foot," Fakir said. "There was no warning, there was no planning."

In villages along the road from Marrakesh to Talat N'Yaaqoub on Monday, displaced residents who had been sleeping in tents or in open clearings complained they had not received food or medicine from state officials. A camp set up by the Moroccan civil protection service had no bathrooms.

In Adassil, about 50 residents staged a protest Sunday against local authorities who were stockpiling aid and preventing outside volunteers from reaching the villagers, according to Abdelqader Afdil of the Majdid Association for Solidarity and Development, a local group.

"It's only the volunteers who brought blankets, food and tents with them to the town. We need doctors," he said.

After the protest, Afdil said, officials released the aid.

The city of Marrakesh was spared the wholesale destruction seen in the mountains. On Tuesday, tourists lounged by hotel pools or walked through the subdued central market square.

In poorer neighborhoods, though, where the earthquake left cracks that ran all the way down the sides of homes, residents were still sleeping in the street.

When a Washington Post photographer visited Sidi Youssef Ben Ali, on the city's southeastern edge, a crowd began to form when word circulated that a foreigner was there. Disappointed residents were hoping to put their names on a list for foreign aid.

"Until now, we have no idea if the government will help, and no one has come here," said Adil Menar, 40, who had been sleeping along with his family in the open air. "You're the first person to ask about us."

In the first days after the disaster, the palace was mostly silent. Images of the king chairing emergency cabinet meetings were shared on social media. But he didn't appear in public until Tuesday, when he visited earthquake victims in a hospital named after him in Marrakesh. Videos showed cheering crowds greeting Mohammed's motorcade as it drove through the city.

The king donated blood during his visit — "a powerful gesture" that "expresses His Majesty's complete solidarity and compassion for the victims and bereaved families," a statement shared by state media read.

But the delay reinforced perceptions of the king's absence from public life in recent years.

"This was a really lost opportunity for the monarchy, especially to put forward a young crown prince who the population doesn't know all that well," Fakir said.

On Sunday, government spokesman Mustapha Baitas hit back at criticism of the earthquake response.

"All civil and military services are working tirelessly to aid those impacted by the earthquake that hit Morocco on Friday, resulting in substantial loss of life and material damage," he said.

But experts say long-standing neglect of rural regions and a lack of basic infrastructure compounded the disaster.

In the span of 50 years, Morocco has gone from a country that was "about 70 percent rural to one that is about 70 percent urban," according to Driss Ksikes, director of the Rabat-based research center Economia. The focus was on building big roads and cities, he said, while "the rural areas have been discarded."

The result is a jarring disconnect between the well-paved highways and robust services in major cities like Marrakesh, and the houses made of red clay on mountaintops with no cellular reception.

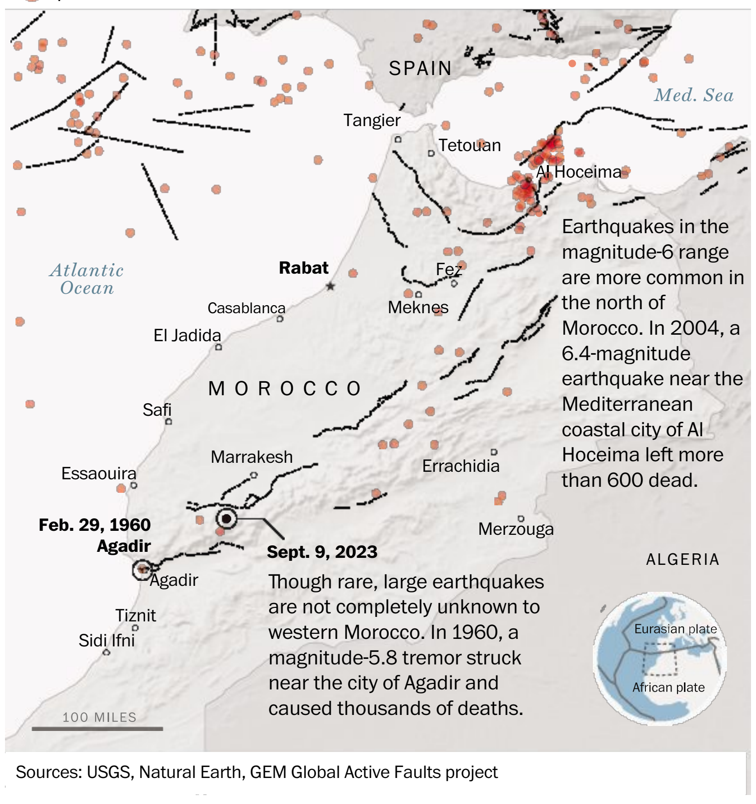
In these isolated regions, civil society has filled the void.

In Ighil, near the epicenter, Mohamed Ait Bouriki of the Aghras Ntifaout association said Tuesday that members of his group were stuck. The road to the village was blocked; they couldn't get supplies in or people out.

"Some rescuers wearing military jumpsuits came to check on us yesterday night," he said. "They brought nothing. All the children of the village have fever; the elderly are sick. They just took notes and left."

Sima Diab in Marrakesh and Diana Durán in Bogotá, Colombia, contributed to this report.

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Union autoworkers in Detroit plan pickets and pinch pennies as strike nears

Both sides compromise a little on wage demands, but they remain far apart

BY JEANNE WHALEN

Autoworkers at Detroit's biggest vehicle manufacturers are signing up for strike shifts, buying burn barrels and saving money to prepare for a possible work stoppage as contract talks remain tense ahead of Thursday's deadline.

Many said they see a strike as inevitable, even as small signs of progress between the United Auto Workers and the Big Three automakers — Ford, General Motors and Stellantis — appear. Both sides have compromised a little on wages in recent days, but they remain far apart.

"The local union told my [coworker] to have burn barrels and port-a-potties ready. So we are getting ready," said Bill Bagwell, a longtime GM worker at a warehouse in Ypsilanti, Mich., referring to the steel drums used as fire pits on chilly nights during strikes. He's signed up for strike shifts every Wednesday from 2:30 p.m. to midnight starting next week, in case a strike is called.

The union in recent days dialed back its original demand for a 40 percent raise over four years to the mid-30s, according to people familiar with the talks, who confirmed an earlier report by Automotive News. One person said the UAW was asking for a 36 percent raise over four years as of Monday night. On the company side, Ford and GM started out offering raises of 9 to 10 percent over four years, with Stellantis then boosting that to 14.5 percent.

UAW President Shawn Fain, who has spent the past several days shuttling between the companies to join the negotiations, says the union will strike against any company that hasn't reached a deal with the UAW by the expiration of the current contract at 11:59 p.m. Thursday.

"We've made progress, a little bit of progress. It's still slow. But we're moving. So, we have a long way to go," Fain told CNN in an interview Monday evening.

It isn't clear how many factories or workers might be affected by a work stoppage. Striking workers will lose their wages and get paid $500 a week out of the UAW's $825 million strike fund. If all 150,000 UAW autoworkers strike at once, the fund will last less than three months. Some analysts think the union is more likely to take a targeted approach and shut only certain plants that can hobble overall production.

The last UAW strike, in 2019, targeted only GM. The union hasn't held a national strike against Ford since 1976. It staged a 12-day strike against Stellantis's predecessor company, Chrysler, in 1985 and a briefer strike against the company in 2007.



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United Auto Workers members and others rally after marching in Detroit's Labor Day parade. The union has dialed back its demand for a 40 percent raise over four years to a raise in the mid-30s. The Big Three automakers are offering raises of less than 15 percent.

Jeremy Rickert, an axle-factory worker in the Detroit area who has been at Ford for 25 years, said the family-controlled company was long viewed as caring more about its workers than other automakers did. But lately he thinks the company has treated shareholders as the bigger priority.

"We've never been in a strike at Ford Motor Company since my hire-in, but I believe this membership is so engaged in this that you're not going to have a hard time getting people out there," Rickert said. Workers in his plant began signing up for strike shifts this week in case a work stoppage happens, he said.

Rickert and his spouse, who have one child in college and another in eighth grade, have been saving in anticipation of a strike. "We've literally cut out as much as possible. . . . Whether it's just a simple carwash or what have you, we try to avoid that now," said Rickert, who makes about $33 an hour. "Every penny could count if we're out on strike for a period of time."

In a recent LinkedIn post, Ford chief executive Jim Farley said he knows firsthand the difference that a Ford job can make for a family.

"My grandfather was Ford employee number 389, working at Highland Park right here in Michigan. That job changed everything for us. And that story has repeated itself countless times over the last 120 years — good jobs that provide a pathway to opportunity for real people," Farley said, adding that employees "are truly the driving force behind our success."

In a statement Tuesday, Ford said it is working for a deal that rewards employees and allows the company to invest and grow. It added that it is "developing responsible contingency plans" in case of a strike.

Bagwell, the longtime GM worker in Ypsilanti, said he has been paying his bills early and paying down his credit card debt to get ready. The strike pay will cover his rent, but he's slashing spending on other items.

The 38-year GM veteran makes about $32 an hour at the warehouse, which distributes parts to repair already-sold GM vehicles. Newer workers there start at about $17 an hour and top out at $25, he said.

During the 2019 strike, GM asked some managers to drive forklifts at the warehouse to keep parts flowing. "They weren't very successful, but they did get some parts out," he said.

A report in the Detroit Free Press last month said Ford was making similar plans, asking its white-collar workers to prepare to work in a parts distribution warehouse in case of a strike.

Asked for comment, Ford said it has "a responsibility to our customers and dealers to ship the parts that keep Ford vehicles on the road — especially to keep first responders and other essential services running."

Asked how it is preparing for a strike, GM said: "The safety and security of our employees is the guiding principle during any business continuity planning. For competitive reasons, we don't share the specific details of those plans."

Stellantis said it is "taking steps to ensure that we are able to fulfill our commitments to our dealers, customers, and communities, while also ensuring that we have a business for our employees to return to."

A full production shutdown that hammers profits at any of the companies would also hurt workers' share of those profits. One industry executive said that a four-week shutdown would sharply reduce the 2023 profit-sharing checks that full-time workers are due to receive early next year. A 12-week strike probably would wipe out those checks, said the executive, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the negotiations.

At Sterling Stamping, a Stellantis-owned factory near Detroit that is one of the world's biggest producers of auto parts, workers this week met with their union reps to sort out how to receive strike pay, according to factory employee Daniel Campbell. They also went over tentative picket line schedules.

Campbell, who earns about $30 an hour, said strike pay will amount to about half of his regular take-home pay, so he is sharply cutting his spending. He just moved to a new home but isn't buying some of the furniture and electronics he would like to at the moment.

The other day he went to an electronics store to get a mount for his TV and forced himself to leave without buying more.

"Don't even pull the card out," he told himself. "Pay cash this time."

Five facts and myths about maintaining or improving your credit score



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THE COLOR OF MONEY

Whether we like it or not, credit scores are integral to our financial lives.

This three-digit number greatly influences whether we qualify for a mortgage, auto loan or apartment lease. It also can determine how much we pay for home or car insurance.

But many people don't know about how the ratings work. And there's a lot of animosity about the grading algorithm.

More than 2,000 comments were submitted after a column in which I explained why my perfect 850 credit scores dropped after paying off my home. And, yes, you have more than one. The basic FICO score ranges from a low of 300 to a high of 850.

"The credit card business calls customers who pay off their balance every month 'deadbeats,' " one commenter wrote.

Another wrote: "I have no late payments in 36 years, carry over very few if any monthly [credit card] balances, only use 2 percent of my total available credit, and I've never received a score higher than 830. And it drops every now and then for no apparent reason. I know I have outstanding credit . . . Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain."

Though frustrating, you should pay attention to how credit scoring works.

Credit scores matter when lenders tighten credit, as many do when there's a recession or economic downturn.

In June, the overall rejection rate for credit applicants climbed to 21.8 percent, the highest level since June 2018, the New York Fed reported. The increase in rejections was broad-based across age groups and highest among those with credit scores below 680.

If you want a better score, or to just keep the great one you have, let's explore five credit score myths and facts.

Myth: You need to carry a balance to boost your credit score.

If you pay your debt in full and on time, you can have excellent credit. Lenders want to see that you use credit responsibly, not that you carry a balance.

Carrying balances from month to month and incurring interest does not help your score. The credit score rewards an open and active account in good standing with a zero balance.

Fact: Medical debt under $500 should no longer be in your credit report.

Nearly 1 in 5 U.S. households have reported having some form of overdue medical debt, according to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

In April, the three major credit bureaus — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — announced that medical collections with balances of $500 or less would no longer appear on consumer credit reports.

When medical collection data is removed, people's scores can jump significantly — 25 points, on average — in the first quarter after their last medical debt is removed from their credit report, according to the CFPB.

If your report has a medical collection under $500, you should dispute that information with the credit bureau. The CFPB notes that the change does not include credit card collections, even if you used your credit card to pay for a medical expense under $500.

If you try but fail to get a credit bureau to remove the medical debt from your credit report or investigate another issue, you're more likely to get a response if you file a complaint with the CFPB online at *consumerfinance.gov/complaint*. You can also submit your grievance over the phone at (855) 411-2372. The number is (855) 729-2372 for TTY/TDD.

Myth: You need to keep your credit utilization under 30 percent.

Thirty percent of your credit score is made up of amounts owed or credit utilization, which is how much credit you're using compared with your total credit limit.

You've probably heard that consumers should have a credit card utilization rate of no more than 30 percent. So, for example, if your credit card limit was $1,000, you should keep your balance to $300. This suggested guideline would apply for each individual credit card and the overall utilization for all your cards.

If you're using a high percentage of your available credit, or you're close to maxing out your credit cards, that can have a negative impact on your FICO score.

But the truth is that 30 percent ceiling isn't a hard-and-fast rule. It's a benchmark used to discourage consumers from overextending themselves.

But if you're aiming for a super high credit score, use a low percentage of your available credit. Low credit utilization can push you into an excellent credit range.

As of April, the average revolving credit card utilization was 4 percent for those with an 850 on the FICO Score 8 credit-scoring model.

Myth: You should never close a credit card account.

If you have outstanding credit card debt, wait until you've paid it off before closing the account. If you're carrying balances and you close an account, it may cause your overall credit utilization rate to increase, which in turn can result in a dip in your credit score.

There are good reasons to close a credit card account. The annual fee may be too high, or you're trying to control the temptation to spend.

If you've established a long history of responsible credit management by, among other things, paying your bills on time and keeping credit card balances low, you'll probably see minimal impact to your score when closing an account.

By the way, an account in good standing with a history of on-time payments will remain in your credit files for up to 10 years from the date it was closed.

Fact: Updating your income doesn't negatively impact your credit score.

Although a lender will use income to grant credit, your earnings are not a factor in determining your credit score.

So, you don't have to be concerned about providing updates about your income.

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ENERGY

BP chief executive departs abruptly

Oil giant BP was rocked by the sudden resignation of chief executive Bernard Looney on Tuesday, as the executive acknowledged misleading the company about his personal relationships with colleagues.

"Mr. Looney has today informed the Company that he now accepts that he was not fully transparent in his previous disclosures," said a statement BP posted on its website. "He did not provide details of all relationships."

Looney, 53, had spent his entire career at the company and been at the helm for less than five years. He was investigated by BP's board in May for his "conduct in respect of personal relationships with company colleagues." That investigation, which concluded the relationships predated Looney's elevation to CEO, found no violations of BP's code of conduct, according to the company. But additional allegations surfaced, touching off another investigation.

The company's chief financial officer, Murray Auchincloss, will act as interim CEO, BP said. Its stock closed down more than 1 percent following the news.

The shake-up comes as BP was already in a state of uneasy transition, having recently scaled back some of its ambitious goals for moving away from fossil fuels at a time oil profits have soared.

— Evan Halper

CONSUMER PRICES

Cost of online goods continues decline

While overall U.S. inflation remains some distance from policymakers' target, consumers can take solace that prices of goods sold online are continuing a steady decline.

A gauge of online inflation compiled by software company Adobe showed a 3.2 percent decline in prices in August compared with a year before. That marks the 12th straight drop, and the biggest slide since April 2020, according to the data released Tuesday.

More than half of the 18 main categories tracked by Adobe showed prices falling on an annual basis. Computers were down 14.2 percent, electronics fell 11.6 percent, appliances retreated 7.3 percent and home/garden items were down 6.8 percent, among the largest drops by category.

Later this week, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics will release the official consumer price index for August, a much broader gauge that includes not only goods sold at retail outlets but also services. Economists see the CPI rising 3.6 percent year-on-year, thanks in part to higher energy prices.

— Bloomberg News

ALSO IN BUSINESS

Lyft is launching a feature that will try to prioritize matches between women and nonbinary riders and drivers in response to demand for increased safety protections for its users. Drivers and riders who indicate their gender preference as women or nonbinary in the app, or those with a user name commonly identifiable as a woman's name, will be given access to opt in to the feature called "Women+ Connect." The tool will increase the chances of matching women and nonbinary riders with similar gender-identified drivers. Women make up only 23 percent of Lyft drivers but account for nearly half of its riders, according to the company, which hopes to attract more women drivers with the new feature. Those numbers mean a preferred match isn't guaranteed, so women riders, for example, can still be offered a male driver if no Women+ users are available nearby. Users can choose to opt out of the feature at any time. Lyft and rival Uber Technologies are being pushed by investors and users to increase safety protections. San Francisco-based Lyft recorded more than 4,000 claims of sexual assault from 2017 to 2019, the company said in its first safety report released in 2021.

A surge in the price of olive oil in top grower Spain has increased the cost of making a traditional paella to its highest in five months. Bloomberg's monthly index, which calculates how much Spanish households need to spend on ingredients to make the Mediterranean rice dish, jumped 18.3 percent in August from a year ago, accelerating from a 15 percent rise the previous month. That compares with an uptick in the rate of headline inflation to 2.4 percent and a slight slowdown in the pace of overall food price increases to 10.5 percent. Olive oil led the spike, shooting up 53 percent in August from a year ago as Spain reels from devastating droughts. Prices have risen so much that thieves are targeting olive oil mills in the south of the country, and supermarkets have started to place security tags on bottles.

While inflation in Spain has slowed sharply from double-digit levels last year, the cost of making paella is a reminder of lingering price pressures on everyday items that continue to hit consumers.

— From news services

Swindlers may have stolen $135 billion in aid, GAO says

Theft of jobless benefits during pandemic was about $1 out of every $7

BY TONY ROMM



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Congress approved a historic expansion of unemployment benefits early in the pandemic that proved to be an alluring target for scammers.

Fraudsters may have stolen as much as $135 billion in federal unemployment aid during the coronavirus pandemic, according to a report released Tuesday by the Government Accountability Office, which found that the theft encompassed roughly one out of every seven dollars set aside for jobless Americans during the public health crisis.

Federal watchdogs coupled the estimate with a fresh indictment of Washington, finding that the Trump administration, the Biden administration and lawmakers on Capitol Hill had failed to fully remedy some of the legal and technological loopholes that allowed criminals to steal government money in the first place.

In the earliest days of the pandemic, Congress approved a historic bipartisan expansion of the nation's unemployment insurance system, adding hundreds of dollars to out-of-work Americans' weekly checks while awarding benefits to those who previously would not have qualified.

The money offered a critical financial lifeline to millions of Americans during what became the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. But the new benefits also proved to be an alluring target for scammers, who immediately seized on the government's haste and generosity to steal unprecedented sums.

The criminals focused their efforts on states, which had struggled starting that spring to process a deluge of applications for federal unemployment aid, according to the GAO's report on Tuesday, echoing many of the conclusions from past oversight reviews. To obtain checks they did not deserve, malicious actors often masqueraded as real people, misrepresenting themselves as Americans out of a job, people in prison and even the deceased, the watchdog found.

In total, the U.S. government may have lost between $100 billion and $135 billion, according to the GAO estimate. That equated to about 11 to 15 percent of the roughly $900 billion spent on unemployment insurance between April 2020 and May 2023, the period during which the U.S. government declared a public health emergency. The watchdog came to its figure by sampling federal data, acknowledging that the "full extent of [unemployment] fraud during the pandemic will likely never be known with certainty."

Responding to the report, a senior Biden administration official on Tuesday pointed out that much of the theft occurred in 2020 under President Donald Trump, nearly a year before Joe Biden took office and before new oversight procedures were implemented. Since then, the Biden administration has stepped up enforcement against coronavirus fraud while sending money to states so they can modernize their systems, the official added, speaking on the condition of anonymity to describe the White House's thinking.

But Congress this summer opted to rescind about $1 billion in potential upgrades, after Republicans demanded steep spending cuts across government in exchange for raising the debt ceiling. States had been using that federal aid to cut down on wait times for jobless benefits, thwart identity theft and replace computer systems that in some cases were more than half a century old — the very lapses that the GAO has identified as risk factors for fraud.

The Labor Department disputed the GAO's findings, arguing in a letter that the watchdog may have overestimated the problem. The agency's inspector general previously projected there may be as much as $191 billion in unemployment-related overpayments, which includes stolen money as well as incorrect amounts paid to Americans who were eligible for benefits.

"In light of these challenges, the Department has committed significant resources and taken concerted action to deter fraud and to assist law enforcement in holding perpetrators accountable while ensuring timely, equitable access to benefits," Brent Parton, a principal deputy assistant secretary in the department, wrote in a letter appended to the GAO report.

The estimate nonetheless reflects the costly, time-consuming work on the government's horizon three years after the first known coronavirus case arrived in the United States. Only now is Washington beginning to grasp the full scope of its own losses — and commit aggressively to the task of finding criminals, recovering stolen money and securing convictions in court.

Last month, for example, the Justice Department announced it had investigated or charged cases related to roughly $8.6 billion in alleged covid aid fraud since the start of the pandemic, including a wave of enforcement efforts this summer concerning $836 million in stolen federal aid. Heralding the developments as a "message" to criminals, Attorney General Merrick Garland still acknowledged the government's investigative work is "far from over."

But the ominous warnings have hardly stirred Capitol Hill. Instead, Democrats and Republicans have warred over the legacy of the roughly $5 trillion they approved to shore up the nation's public health system, facilitate vaccine research, sustain cash-starved small businesses and help Americans under financial duress. Some GOP leaders have repeatedly refused Biden's requests to commit new money to the Justice Department so it can pursue cases, even as they blame the president for a wave of fraud that began under Trump.

In the meantime, the United States has recovered only a small fraction of its losses. By May, states had recovered about $1.2 billion in unemployment benefits that they had wrongly lost to fraud, the GAO found on Tuesday. The figure only includes investigations that have been completed in full, reflecting the "long time" it takes for government officials to recoup missing money.

Much of the trouble stemmed from a program approved in 2020 that provided benefits to people who drive for Uber, deliver meals for Grubhub and labor on behalf of other "gig economy" companies. These workers normally are not eligible for unemployment insurance because they are not technically employees, but lawmakers at the height of the pandemic agreed to award them weekly aid for the first time.

In a bid to deliver benefits swiftly, however, the Trump administration did not require applicants to submit substantial documentation of their work histories. The decision opened the door for considerable fraud, the GAO said Tuesday, affirming the fears of federal watchdogs who first sounded the alarm about the problem three years ago.

A senior administration official acknowledged that states faced immense challenges implementing the program, known as Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, especially in the first nine months of crisis. But the aide stressed that it still provided a financial lifeline for those who otherwise could not have obtained traditional jobless benefits.



Google trial is first major tech antitrust case in decades

Justice Department takes on search leader in court in D.C.

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Google CEO Sundar Pichai is sworn in before the House Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill in December 2018. Pichai is expected to testify under oath during the Google antitrust trial.

The Justice Department's antitrust case against Google opened Tuesday morning in a packed Washington courtroom, beginning a months-long trial that has the potential to subdue one of Silicon Valley's most powerful juggernauts.

The case revolves around whether Google illegally used its leading industry position to limit competition in its core search and search advertising businesses. It's the first such antitrust trial against a technology company in more than two decades; the Justice Department took Microsoft to court on similar charges more than two decades ago.

"This wheel has been turning for more than 12 years and it always turns to Google's advantage," Justice Department attorney Kenneth Dintzer said in his opening statement.

"The evidence will show they hid and destroyed documents because they knew they were violating the antitrust laws," he said. "That's what Google did."

In Google's opening statement, John Schmidtlein, the company's lead litigator, said the firm's success has been due to the quality of its products, not anticompetitive conduct. He argued that Google faces a wide array of search rivals, including sector-specific platforms like Tripadvisor and Grubhub.

"This court cannot intervene in the market and say, 'Google, you're not allowed to compete,'" he said. "That is anathema to U.S. antitrust law."

The trial is the culmination of years of investigation into Google's practices by the government, and a major milestone in the ongoing saga of how the United States regulates competition. For the last several years, a once-niche group of scholars who argue that the government should more aggressively enforce its antitrust laws against Big Tech have been gaining power in Washington, and the trial will be one of the biggest tests of whether that movement can move past theoretical arguments and begin cutting into the power of the tech giants.

If the government's case is successful, it could upend the way people access the internet, by blocking Google from using its massive cash hoards to secure special rights to have its search engine be the default on mobile phones. Even if Google wins over the judge and the government loses, the exposure from a months-long trial in which top executives are expected to testify under oath could slow the company down, experts have said.

The trial also comes as the emergence of advanced AI technologies may reshuffle fortunes in the high-tech industry. This case may play a role in whether Google can transfer its search market dominance to the AI era, or if it will end up surpassed by rivals, such as Microsoft.

Schmidtlein, the Google lawyer, argued that the government's case was "all about Microsoft" and relied too much on evidence about Google's alleged impact on the rival tech giant, which he called the "plaintiffs' supposed victim." Schmidtlein said Google's prominence in search surpassed Microsoft because the rival failed to adequately invest and innovate in the space, not because it was blocked from keeping up in terms of scale.

The Google lawyer also pointed to Microsoft's recent investments integrating generative AI tools into its search products as a sign of ongoing competition and innovation in the space, citing a February blog post in which Microsoft said that infusing AI into its search ranking engine "led to the largest jump in relevance in two decades."

While the federal government described Google as a sprawling monopoly that leverages its power in search to fuel other parts of its business, including in digital advertising, Schmidtlein argued that officials lacked proper evidence to show that Google's conduct broke U.S. antitrust law, and said officials "cannot aggregate" complaints against different parts of the company.

Bill Cavanaugh, who is representing a group of state attorneys general that has also sued Google, said in his opening statement that Google has only gotten more dominant since the Federal Trade Commission looked into charges of anticompetitive conduct in the company's search business a decade ago. The FTC declined to pursue an investigation at the time, in a controversial decision.

"Google assured the FTC all was well," he said. "Google asked this court for another pass with the same assurance that all is well. The evidence will show not all is well."

In a sign of public interest in the case, the court set up an overflow room for members of the public to watch the trial, as well as two media rooms with at least 100 seats for reporters.

The case is being tried before U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta, who was appointed by President Barack Obama in 2014. Mehta narrowed the scope of the case last month, throwing out several of the government's claims as insufficiently evidenced, while allowing others to proceed to trial.

Early into the opening statements Tuesday, Mehta asked Dintzer when Google became a monopoly. Dintzer said it was before 2010.

"2010, we find them as a monopolist illegally maintaining their monopoly," Dintzer said.

One central issue that will be debated in the coming weeks is whether Google's payments to device-makers like Apple to have its search engine built into their computers and phones as a default service — beginning in the early 2000s — constituted an abuse of monopoly power. Mehta will also evaluate if Google's delays in allowing Microsoft access to its search advertising tool Search Ads 360 amounted to illegal anticompetitive behavior.

Dintzer said Google pays more than $10 billion a year for agreements to ensure it is the default search engine on web browsers and mobile devices.

Many of the case's most sensitive and contentious early details, however, including information about whether competitors' foothold in the search market has decreased over the past decade, were obscured from the public during the proceedings Tuesday. Federal and state officials' opening public presentations featured dozens of redactions, which Google has pushed for to maintain confidentiality over potential trade secrets.

Google's search engine has maintained 90 percent market share for years, and there is little dispute that the company overwhelmingly dominates this sector. Whether Google abused this position against its rivals is a trickier question, involving arcane ins and outs of antitrust law. The FTC, for one, has had trouble meeting thresholds of proof in some of its recent efforts to rein in Silicon Valley giants.

But antitrust lawyers say that even when judges don't hand down explicit penalties, such cases historically have curbed aggressive behavior of industry giants. They point to the rise of Google and other internet competitors in the wake of the Justice Department's 2000 case against Microsoft, which ended in a settlement.

"Microsoft could have easily killed Google in the cradle — and Amazon and Facebook," said Gary Reback, a Silicon Valley antitrust lawyer who spearheaded efforts that led to the case against Microsoft. "But they didn't do that because of antitrust enforcement."

Roughly a hundred audience members packed the federal courtroom Tuesday. Jonathan Kanter, the architect of the Justice Department's case against Google, looked on from the front row as both sides delivered their opening remarks, flanked by his deputies. Kent Walker, Google's chief legal office, sat opposite Kanter as the proceedings began.

In the afternoon, the Justice Department began its case by putting Google's chief economist, Hal Varian, on the stand.

Dintzer drilled down on an internal memo that Varian wrote in 2003 titled "Thoughts on Google v Microsoft."

"We should be careful about what we say in both public and private," Varian wrote. "'Cutting off their air supply', and similar phrases should avoided. It would be ironic, indeed, if Microsoft played the antitrust card against Google but that is not as unlikely as it may now appear."

"You warned people at Google to communicate carefully?" Dintzer asked Varian.

"Yes," Varian replied.

Dintzer also showed the court an internal email Varian wrote in October 2009 in which he reminded colleagues to use the term "query share" instead of "market share." Under questioning, Varian said one of the reasons he asked people not to use the term "market share" was antitrust concerns. Exactly how a company's "market" is defined and what share of that market it dominates is a core issue in anti-monopoly cases.

Expected highlights in the coming weeks include testimony by Google chief executive Sundar Pichai and by senior Apple executives.

The Justice Department will have the floor for the next three and a half weeks to question witnesses and present its evidence, after which the state attorneys general will have two weeks to make a supplementary case. Starting Oct. 25, Google will have three weeks for its defense.

Rebuttals, post-trial briefs and closing arguments are expected to continue for weeks afterward, probably pushing any judgment ruling well into next year.

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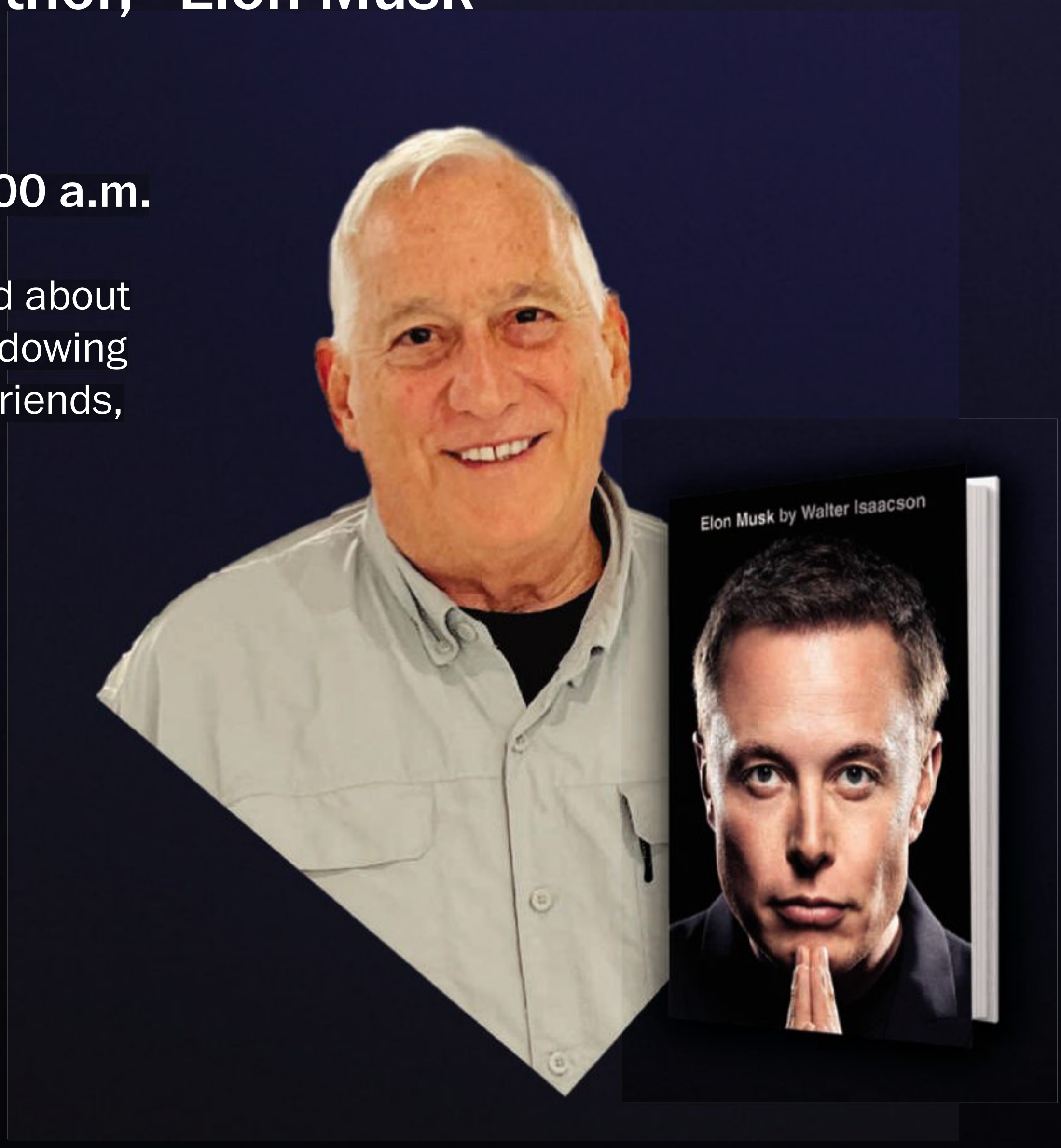
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Musk may have violated FTC privacy order, filing shows

DOJ makes accusation as X asks court to dismiss consent agreement

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Elon Musk acquired Twitter, now called X, in late October.

Elon Musk repeatedly made decisions after his takeover of Twitter that likely ran afoul of a 2022 government order imposing sweeping restrictions on the company's data security and privacy practices, according to a Tuesday court filing, part of an ongoing legal battle that could lead to fines and new stipulations for the social network's business practices.

In the legal filing, the Justice Department published previously confidential evidence from the Federal Trade Commission's probe into the social network, including detailed excerpts of depositions with former executives about ways Musk's directives and efforts to cut costs ran afoul of the company's security and privacy practices. The company had agreed to implement a number of security safeguards and privacy audits in May 2022 to settle allegations that it deceptively collected users' data.

The filing marks the first official confirmation of the extent of the FTC's initial findings of its probe into compliance with its order, revealing "a chaotic environment at the company that raised serious questions about whether and how Musk and other leaders were ensuring [the company's] compliance."

FTC orders are among the most critical enforcement tools that the federal government has to hold Silicon Valley accountable, and Facebook in 2019 had to pay a multibillion-dollar fine to the agency for violating the terms of its own privacy agreement with the agency.

The new details about Musk's handling of the FTC order come as the government opposes a request by the social network, now called X, to have a federal court dismiss the consent agreement and shield Musk from a deposition. The filing offers a rare look inside Musk's leadership of the company, which has been opaque to media despite the world's richest man's promises to make X more transparent.

Neither Musk, his lawyer nor X responded to requests for comment.

The FTC has been looking into X's privacy and security practices for more than a year, opening a probe following a whistleblower complaint that the company had "extreme, egregious deficiencies" in its defenses against hackers, according to court filings. The probe continued as Musk acquired X for $44 billion in late October and nearly immediately launched into massive changes for the site, including creating new subscription services to pay for verification check marks, restoring thousands of banned accounts, and changing many of the rules on the platform. He also eventually let go of roughly 80 percent of the staff, leaving a skeleton crew.

The Justice Department described these events as "sudden, radical changes" and said the FTC had "every reason to seek information about whether these developments signaled a lapse in X Corp.'s compliance."

The filing highlights Musk's near immediate changes to the company, particularly in the early days of his takeover. He "exercised granular control of X Corp., at times directing employees in a manner that may have jeopardized data privacy and security," according to the filing.

As the number of staff dwindled, Musk allegedly told a former employee concerned with compliance with the FTC that he was "the single person responsible" and that "liability falls on him," according to excerpts from a deposition by Seth Wilson, former Twitter director of threat management and operations. Multiple employees testified that Musk gave directives that were at odds with the company's normal processes and policies, according to the filing.

In December, Musk directed that company servers be moved from one data center to another, the filing said. Company policy was to wipe data before removing servers from a center, but the relocated servers were transferred without being wiped because employees did not have "enough time to put together a process that would be in compliance with [their] own policies," according to the testimony.

The FTC redacted a description of what was on the servers, which were moved from Sacramento. But they contained sensitive personal data that had not been fully encrypted, and some electronic storage from the same unit was discarded without such data being wiped clean, a former security employee who was interviewed by the FTC told The Washington Post.

Musk also directed employees to launch paid verification service Twitter Blue so quickly that a security and privacy review was not conducted as required by the company's own policies, according to a deposition cited in the filing from former chief privacy officer Damien Kieran.

Musk's cost-cutting measures — which included five rounds of layoffs between October and December of last year — "impaired" the company from complying with data security promises it made to the government in 2022, according to the filing. It quotes Lea Kissner, the company's former chief information security officer, as testifying that due to the employee exodus, about half of the controls in the company's security program no longer had a specific "owner" responsible for their operation. Kieran testified similarly about the company's privacy program controls, telling the FTC that 37 percent were left unsupervised.

When the FTC asked Kieran who the "most senior" X employee with long-running knowledge about the company's security team was, he replied that there was "nobody left."

"The FTC has had to focus its prior depositions on former employees because nearly every employee who has been identified as a point person for privacy or data security either resigned or was terminated before the FTC could talk to them," the Justice Department wrote in the filing.

The court filing also cites a Post report that detailed how Musk told X employees to give former New York Times columnist Bari Weiss "full access to everything at Twitter." Longtime security employees blocked Weiss from receiving "direct access" due to concerns it would violate the FTC consent order, according to the Justice Department filing, but instead the journalist worked with other individuals who accessed systems for her. The consent order is one of the government's most powerful tools to address alleged data privacy abuses in the absence of a federal privacy law. It has emerged as a political lightning rod as Musk and House Republicans have accused FTC Chair Lina Khan of "harassing" X.

Joseph Menn contributed to this report.

FDA advisory panel finds ingredient in many cold medications is ineffective

BY DANIEL GILBERT

An advisory committee to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration determined Tuesday that an ingredient in common cold medications isn't effective, raising the possibility that popular decongestants could be removed from the shelves of U.S. stores.

The ingredient, phenylephrine, has been in use for decades and is in dozens of medications, including versions of Sudafed and Tylenol. The FDA estimates that consumers last year bought more than 240 million bottles or packages of over-the-counter products containing phenylephrine at a cost of about $1.76 billion, according to an agency briefing document.

The FDA had affirmed the efficacy of phenylephrine as recently as 2007. But an agency review of more recent studies led its staff to conclude that the ingredient isn't effective as a nasal decongestant when taken orally, a position the FDA acknowledged was a "major change." It didn't identify any safety concerns.

The FDA sought the input of an advisory committee, which agreed unanimously with the agency's about-face on phenylephrine's effectiveness.

"We do not believe as a panel that the current scientific data support" a dosage of oral phenylephrine "as effective as a nasal decongestant," Maria Coyle, a professor at the Ohio State University College of Pharmacy and chair of the FDA's nonprescription drug committee, said at its meeting Tuesday. The committee's recommendation isn't binding.

If the FDA revoked phenylephrine's status as a safe and effective ingredient, that could mean over-the-counter products containing it would no longer be sold in U.S. stores.

An FDA representative said the agency would consider the committee's determination, along with comments from the public and industry. An agency spokesman didn't respond to a request for comment.

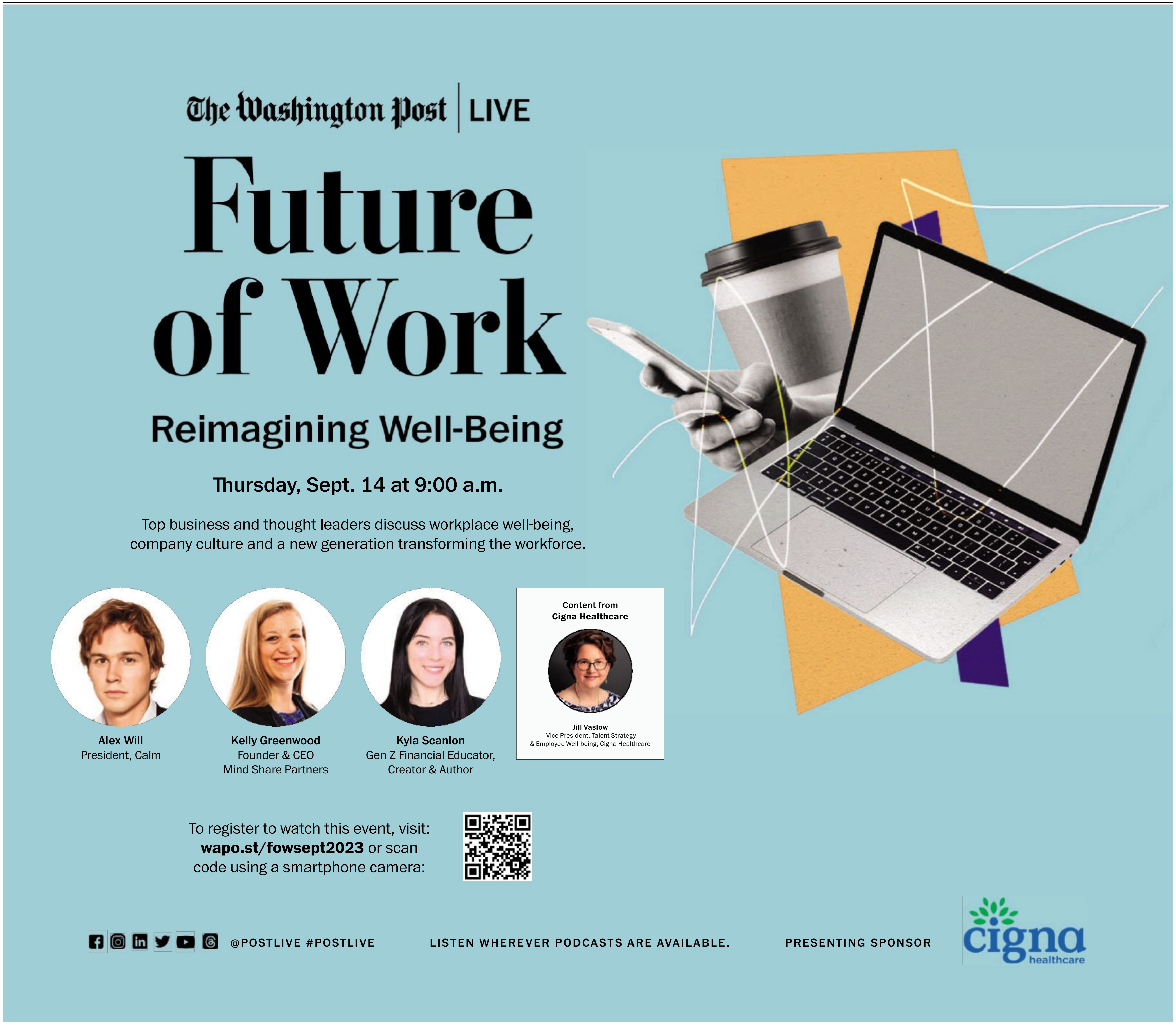
The Consumer Healthcare Products Association, an industry trade group, criticized the committee's recommendation, calling it "at odds with numerous clinical trials and previous regulatory determinations" and warning of "unintended consequences" of changing its regulatory status.

Phenylephrine works by temporarily constricting blood vessels. It is one of two oral nasal decongestants available to consumers along with pseudoephedrine, a "behind-the-counter" product that faces restrictions on its sale under federal law because of its potential to be used to make methamphetamine. Those restrictions in part have led drug companies to reformulate products to instead include phenylephrine, according to the FDA.

Behind the FDA's shift is data from three clinical trials conducted after it last evaluated phenylephrine. The agency called the studies "by far the largest and most carefully constructed trials that have ever been performed" to evaluate the ingredient as a decongestant. None of them demonstrated a significant difference compared with placebos, the FDA wrote in a briefing report. At the same time, it cast doubt on the quality of studies it had previously relied on to determine phenylephrine's effectiveness.

In the FDA's review, it projected that the consequences of removing phenylephrine products would be far-reaching.

"A significant impact on industry is inevitable," the agency said, adding there will be "significant retooling costs."



WEDNESDAY OPINION

CATHERINE RAMPELL

Last year, we made the decision to let child poverty soar

Five million more American kids fell into poverty last year. Or maybe it's more accurate to say they were pushed.

The child poverty rate more than doubled in 2022, the U.S. Census Bureau reported Tuesday, in the largest annual increase in child poverty on record. For the most part, these kids didn't become poor because the economy is lousy, or their parents were fired, or they were newly orphaned. Most fell below the poverty threshold because, as a country, we chose to make them poor. Specifically, we chose to make them poor *again*, by snatching a short-lived safety-net program away.

Last year, one of the most successful anti-poverty programs ever enacted, the child allowance, ended. Enacted in early 2021 through President Biden's American Rescue Plan, it expanded on the existing child tax credit program to distribute a monthly check to nearly every family with children. Families received up to $300 per child each month, depending on the child's age and household income, no strings attached.

This expansion was funded for just a year, with the (apparently Pollyannaish) hope that a groundswell of popular support would pressure politicians to extend it.

In short order, it became clear how welcome the allowance was to families. It reduced measures of food insecurity and financial hardship. Parents primarily used the money on basic household needs and children's essentials, such as groceries, clothing, child care and rent, Census Bureau surveys found. While some critics feared that making the child allowance available to nearly all families regardless of income would discourage parents from working, the program appeared to have had little discernible effect on employment or labor supply.

What goes down, it seems, must come up. In 2022, the child poverty rate more than doubled to 12.4 percent, a result of the child allowance (and other temporary pandemic programs) sunsetting.

Most impressive: The child poverty rate, as measured after benefits and taxes, was cut nearly in half, to 5.2 percent. This represented its lowest level on record, an achievement possible partly thanks to other federal investments in kids that predated the pandemic. Such measures have been motivated by all we've learned about the enduring effects poverty has on kids' development and future health, educational and career outcomes.

But what goes down, it seems, must come up. In 2022, the child poverty rate more than doubled to 12.4 percent, a result of the child allowance (and other temporary pandemic programs) sunsetting right on schedule.

That anticipated groundswell of political support never materialized. The program wasn't exactly disliked — a plurality of voters supported extending it back in late 2021, as the program's expiration date was approaching — but it wasn't really a motivating issue, either. Parents of minor children represent a small share of voters. Minor children themselves can't vote at all.

And the rest of us apparently don't prioritize the issue of child poverty, at least not enough to pressure federal officials to do much about it.

Democrats in the White House and Congress publicly support reupping the child allowance and have sometimes touted that eye-popping statistic from 2021 about effectively cutting child poverty in half. But they barely featured the policy during their 2022 congressional campaign. They also couldn't even get the support of their entire caucus. (Sen. Joe Manchin III, a Democrat from West Virginia, was a known holdout.)

That doesn't mean hope is lost.

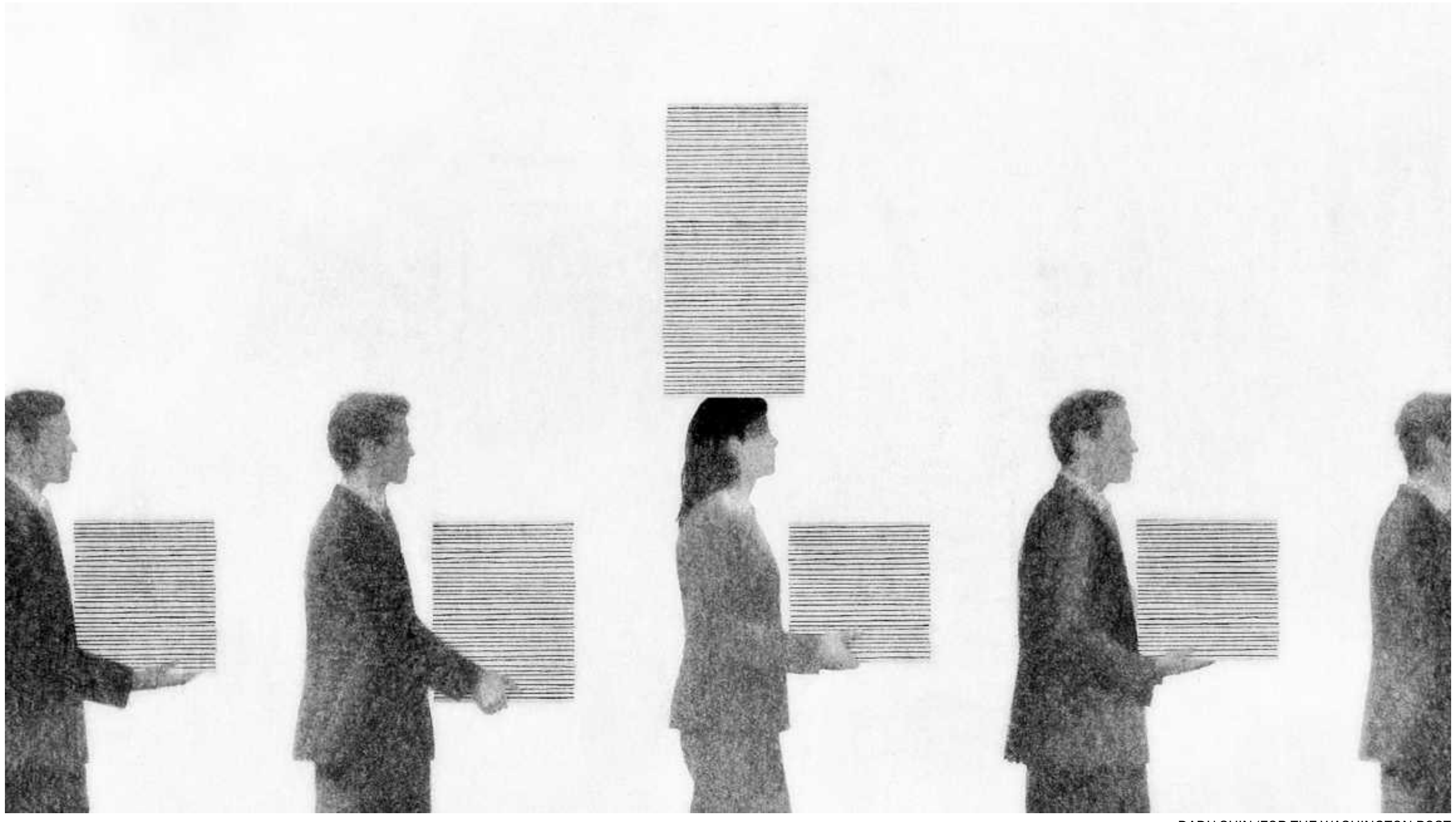
At least 10 states have created or expanded their own child tax credits so far this year, in some cases with bipartisan support. Plus, a handful of Republican federal lawmakers, including some running in competitive districts, have proposed their own version of an enhanced child tax credit.

Perhaps this stance is unsurprising given the history of the child tax credit; the program has been expanded under Democratic and Republican presidents alike and can be accurately characterized as pro-family (even "pro-baby," as some GOPers are now trying to brand themselves).

Some Republican lawmakers (as well as Manchin) have suggested they might support further expansions of child tax credit program *if* those expansions are bundled with "work requirements." As I've noted before, strict work requirements would penalize lots of vulnerable kids, such as those in the care of their elderly grandparents. In fact, the reason the lapsed Biden version of the program packed such a powerful poverty-fighting punch is that it was *not* conditional on any minimum level of income or earnings. The families who can be lifted above the poverty line by just a little more cash are almost by definition the families without much money to begin with.

That said, the political constraints are obvious. Republicans want to look pro-baby in the wake of the *Dobbs* ruling, but they don't want to be accused of endorsing "welfare" or "handouts." There might be a way for everyone to save face, though — perhaps by agreeing to a flexible definition of "work requirements" that takes into account prior years' earnings. If enough voters put pressure on our elected officials, the expected end-of-year negotiations over extending some corporate tax breaks would be a great opportunity to hash this out.

We chose to consign 5 million more kids to poverty. Here's our chance to choose differently.



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Emotional labor at work is work. It should be compensated that way.

BY ROSE HACKMAN

People frequently ask me: Should we pay for emotional labor? That question is often posed provocatively, as if anything except a negative answer would be absurd.

But my answer has grown only firmer over time: Yes. We should definitely pay for emotional labor. And we should do so not only on ethical grounds but also because it is the best way to create adaptive, high-functioning workplaces.

Emotional labor is the work someone does to regulate, modulate or manipulate their feelings to affect the emotions of people around them. Because this is the work of connection *between humans*, most emotional labor fundamentally cannot be automated.

For decades, this type of labor has been the central work of millions of employees across our economy, especially those concentrated in the highly feminized, so-called pink-collar industries — where, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of jobs is only set to grow.

Across the service, education, health-care, and restaurant and bar industries, emotional labor is the work of the smiling employee who asks you about your day. It is the work of the schoolteacher who patiently manages a child's confused feelings while running her entire classroom. It is the work of the customer service representative who remains unflappable while being screamed at, and that of the home health aide who intently listens to a patient's story for the 100th time and remembers the name of each grandchild.

Emotional labor is also everywhere in white-collar industries. It is the work that keeps a professional environment humane and appealing, that inspires people to cooperate and successfully complete tasks, and that keeps companies functional through crises.

While some of this work is captured in studies on "emotional intelligence," most of it goes on invisibly, with little reward.

The United States has long relied on this shadow form of work to function as a society and an economy. But most of this labor has been extracted at a discount or for free. This is because — unlike with physical, intellectual or creative labor — our culture has taught most people to see emotional labor as a fixed set of feminized, altruistic traits, not as "work" at all.

Women, cast as naturally "better" at emotions, often wind up taking responsibility for the well-being of a group, in professional and private settings — despite studies showing that women and men have the same capacity for empathy, given the right motivation.

We might comfort ourselves with the notion that emotional laborers are rewarded through love and praise. But such praise is generally hollow and can hide galling working conditions.

Thus essential health-care workers were applauded after covid-19 hit — remember the evening cheers and pot banging? — yet the federal government never mandated hazard pay.

Thus mothers in heterosexual marriages are lauded for being selfless but are often expected to shoulder more responsibilities for their family, including when they formally work full time.

Thus millions of White families historically relied on the racist trope of the mammy to pretend their relationship with non-White female domestic workers was one of sentimental bond, not labor exploitation.

Thus in white-collar work environments, corporate leaders are celebrated if they demonstrate the supposedly rare gift of high emotional intelligence, or "EQ" — even though emotional labor is continuously expected of, and performed by, women and minority workers at all levels.

Studies have found that while a man who wants to ascend in corporate settings must act both competent and confident, a woman must act competent and confident *and* display feminine, other-oriented traits. Simply leaning in is not enough: She must also provide emotional labor.

The double standard holds for minorities, including men of color, who, like all underrepresented groups, often invest the time-consuming emotional labor of looking out for the community and enabling progress. A Black male professor, for instance, will make himself available to mentorship with minority students, going above and beyond to follow through on diversity promises, while others at his university do not put in the work.

And yet: The ability to care, connect and empathize has little to do with inherent ability tied to gender or ethnicity and much to do with motivation.

Women and minorities are "motivated" to perform emotional labor under the duress of discrimination that often penalizes them through denied opportunities if they withhold it. To use a high-profile example, it is hard not to think of tennis legend Serena Williams and the myriad penalties and double standards she endured throughout her career — disadvantages that cost her real championships. Such treatment is all too familiar to non-public-facing women and people of color, who understand they could face backlash if they fail to perform in a supportive, self-effacing way.

Research is clear, though, that there is no innate reason for certain groups to provide emotional labor. In fact, when money is an incentive, everyone, including men, can perform astonishing — and, crucially, equal — amounts of empathy and emotional labor.

Recognizing emotional labor at work means identifying employees who engage in positive relationship management with people inside and outside an organization. It means looking for people who actively enable smooth collaboration and teamwork, who are flexible and adaptable, and who show an ability to anticipate needs, exercise patience, and focus on the bigger picture through shifting environments and levels of pressure.

These skills lead to more rational decision-making and benefit workplaces internally, as well as the reputations of institutions externally. A strong brand (like a strong community) is not magically conveyed but is built by individuals through real, hard work — through emotional labor — a point sociologist Arlie Russell Hochschild made in her book "The Managed Heart," in which she documented how flight attendants' emotional labor shaped airlines' entire brands.

So, how can workplaces start paying for emotional labor?

In pink-collar industries, high-quality wages would ensure worker recruitment and retention in occupations that cannot be automated. They would also help mitigate the impending multitrillion-dollar care crisis, which concerns us all.

In the medium term, a federal guaranteed income and an expansion of our legal understanding of the workplace to include the domestic sphere would address gendered poverty and pay inequality, and would redress a century-long oversight in labor law that has been shown to intentionally exclude women and people of color. Such policies, combined with paid parental leave and universal child care, are necessary to create an environment that accurately rewards emotional labor.

In white-collar settings, visibility and reward for emotional labor at all levels of the hierarchy through pay, status and promotion would foster high performance and workplace stability, and confront double standards faced by marginalized workers. Human resources departments should develop clear emotional-labor metrics based on amply available research and recognize the exponential value created from its performance. This would also constitute a research-backed solution to the persistent problem of incompetent, narcissistic leadership.

As workplaces continue to evolve and "hard skills" are taken over by robots, emotional labor is *the* human skill in otherwise digitized, AI-dominant, impersonal environments that will prove essential. Rewarding such labor is not only just — it is, quite simply, common sense.

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Long covid is here to stay

Covid-19 is now endemic, meaning the coronavirus is here to stay and health officials must pivot from treating it like a one-time emergency to managing the disease in perpetuity. The same must be true of long covid.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that about 6 percent of American adults have lingering symptoms from coronavirus infection. But despite the condition's prevalence, much about long covid remains a mystery. Most distressing is the fact that there is no cure for it.

This needs to change. Key to living with the virus is reckoning with its consequences, which includes having a plan to treat those afflicted with post-covid conditions.

Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) has been leading the push for funding to accelerate long-covid research. His advocacy is personal: He contracted the virus in March 2020, and though his symptoms were mild and quickly subsided, one never went away.

"It felt like all my nerve endings had suddenly had the volume knob turned up," he told me in an interview. This didn't prevent him from working, and he didn't develop more common long-covid symptoms such as brain fog, fatigue, heart palpitations or dizziness. But the continuous nerve tingling was intense and uncomfortable enough that it interfered with his sleep.

When it didn't go away after six months, he went to see a neurologist, who told him that while the sensation likely wouldn't get worse, it might also never improve. So far, this has turned out to be true.

Kaine considers himself fortunate because unlike 1 in 4 people with long covid, he does not have significant activity limitations. "It's one thing for me to be 65 and face the prospect of nerve tingling for the rest of my life," he said. "It's another thing to be 35" and not have the energy to provide for one's family.

Because of his openness in sharing his story, Kaine has heard from many long-covid patients who are frustrated that they aren't being taken seriously. This mirrors the experience of people with other complex and disabling conditions such as myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) and post-treatment Lyme disease syndrome. Because these conditions come in so many forms and lack definitive tests, diagnosing them is challenging. Patients can go years before finding a provider who understands the severity of their situation.

Other viral illnesses can also cause long-covid-like symptoms. A 2023 study published in the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports found that 12 months after infection, 18 percent of those with documented coronavirus cases had persistent symptoms, as did 16 percent of those who had a respiratory illness but tested negative for the virus.

This doesn't mean long covid isn't real; rather, it shows that the disease is complex and that other viral illnesses could have continuing impacts. Everyone with post-viral conditions deserve relief from their symptoms.

Thus far, more than $1 billion has gone to fund long-covid research through the National Institutes of Health and other federal agencies. Kaine is spearheading efforts to secure additional resources, including through bipartisan legislation introduced with another senator with long covid, Todd C. Young (R-Ind.).

Advancing these bills will not be easy, Kaine said, as it has become hard to generate interest in pandemic-related issues. "I get why people would want to move on," he told me.

Yet it's precisely *because* Americans are moving on that the medical community must double down to treat and prevent long covid. Fortunately, the risk of developing post-covid conditions is lower today than it was at the start of the pandemic, and most of those affected will improve. A British Medical Journal study of nearly 2 million coronavirus-positive people in Israel found that most health issues resolved within a year. Vaccination also reduces the severity and duration of post-covid conditions, as does the diabetes drug metformin and the antiviral pill Paxlovid.

Still, every time someone contracts the coronavirus, they could develop lasting symptoms. And a small but significant number of these instances will be life-altering. Many Americans will decide that despite this risk, they won't limit social interactions or their travel plans, and they won't start wearing masks again. I think this is understandable, but it also means more people could become afflicted with a serious ailment.

Primary-care providers must be trained to recognize long covid and initiate treatment. Until there is a cure, each symptom will have to be individually addressed. People with joint pain might improve with anti-inflammatories and physical therapy. Those with headaches and palpitations might benefit from medications and specialty neurology and cardiology care.

In the meantime, researchers must make it a top priority to find lasting relief for patients suffering from post-viral conditions, ME/CFS and related illnesses. Those who question continued investment should keep in mind that long covid could one day impact them, too. Taking it seriously is the price we must pay for returning to life without pandemic-era restrictions.

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Kelli Banks, 8, at Carlin's Food Mart in Baton Rouge in 2021 while her mom works the cash register.

Child poverty just doubled. This did not have to happen.

Congress allowed the enhanced tax credit to lapse. But it can be revived.

CHILD POVERTY in the United States more than doubled from 2021 to 2022, data released Tuesday from the Census Bureau shows. The surge — by far the largest jump on record — is a tragedy that was foreseeable and could have been prevented. It is largely the result of the decision by Congress not to renew the enhanced child tax credit that provided extra cash aid to the nation's lowest-income families. The ramifications are heartbreaking: 5.1 million children fell into poverty. Many will be negatively impacted for the rest of their lives with poorer health, lower educational attainment and fewer job opportunities than their peers.

The child tax credit has enjoyed bipartisan support since it was enacted in 1997. It provides $2,000 for each child under age 17 to single parents earning up to $200,000 (or double that amount for a married couple). After covid-19 hit, Congress increased the amount to at least $3,000 per child and made the credit fully refundable, meaning even if someone did not earn enough to owe federal income tax, they would receive the full $3,000 per child payment from the government. (After that expired, families in this situation can only get up to $1,500 per child.) In 2021, the IRS started sending out those payments to millions of poorer families in monthly installments of at least $250 per child. This extra lifeline helped drive the nation's child poverty rate to a record low of 5.2 percent after accounting for government aid.

The U.S. government saved $109 billion last year by not continuing to help those families. That "savings" is not something to celebrate. The child poverty rate spiked to 12.4 percent. Politicians of both parties have long contended that a job is the best antipoverty program. But all too often, having one is not enough. Last year saw a workforce boom with millions of people attaining jobs. But rising costs, especially for rental housing and food, crushed many families. Median income actually fell last year, census data showed. Even while earning a paycheck, many could not keep up with all of their bills.

So why get rid of the enhanced credit that was one of the most effective weapons ever deployed against child poverty? One flash point was an insistence by some lawmakers that it should go only to families with working parents. But such an inflexible requirement would not take into account the situations in which many poor children find themselves. Would retired grandparents raising grandkids be exempt?

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In attempting to justify ending the enhanced child tax credit, some lawmakers, reportedly including Sen. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.), also resurrected hoary tropes suggesting that families could not be trusted not to squander the additional income — and could even use it to buy drugs. However, the overwhelming evidence from the pandemic suggests low-income families spent any extra money on the basics: food, housing and items such as clothes and school supplies for their children.

It's encouraging that 13 states have a version of the tax credit in place. Many expanded their programs this year. While most are blue states, there are also programs in conservative states such as Idaho and Oklahoma, where lawmakers understand how effectively it works.

So do some Republican senators. Sen. Mitt Romney (Utah) proposed increasing the credit and making up to $1,400 refundable for the poorest families. Sens. Marco Rubio (Fla.) and Mike Lee (Utah) would also bump up the credit, but their plan would not make it refundable.

President Biden and congressional leaders should not give up on a policy for which there is so much evidence that it works. Federal budget negotiations are underway. Bringing back at least some of the expanded child tax credit for the poorest families is a small cost for a substantial benefit to millions of American children.

California's deft move on guns

The state is moving to heavily tax — not ban — firearms and ammunition.

IN RESPONSE to a spate of shootings that claimed the lives of three children, New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham (D) has announced a 30-day suspension of open and concealed carry of guns in Albuquerque and its surroundings. While we sympathize with the governor's concerns, the measure in question, which carries only civil penalties — and which state, not local, police would enforce — seems unlikely to make more than a symbolic impact but is certain to provoke a constitutional challenge in court.

The uproar over Ms. Lujan Grisham's attempted ban has diverted attention from a potentially defter policy on gun violence in California, which might soon use incentives rather than restrictions to curb shootings. The Democratic-controlled state legislature has passed new excise taxes on both guns and ammunition — 11 percent on each — and sent them to Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) to sign by an Oct. 14 deadline. This would make California the first state to charge such a percentage tax, as distinguished from the fees for permits or to cover the cost of background checks, that California and other states already impose. The expected revenue — $159 million per year — would fund school security and gun-violence prevention programs.

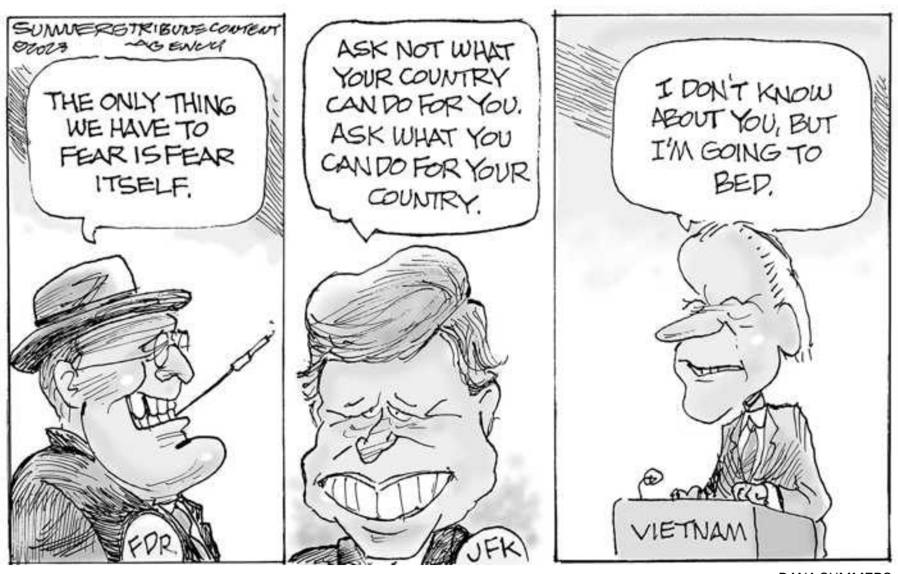
The main goal, though, is to save lives, however minimally, by making it more expensive to shoot someone in the first place. The California legislation is a lineal descendant of Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's (D-N.Y.) 1993 proposal for a 50 percent federal excise tax on handgun bullets. The idea went nowhere in Congress, despite a common-sensical appeal that comedian Chris Rock fashioned into a bit about "bullet control" via a $5,000-a-shot fee. The federal excise tax on pistols and revolvers stands where it did in 1993, at 10 percent; for rifles, shotguns and ammunition, it's still 11 percent.

Admittedly, there's scant evidence on how much difference the tax increases would make — partly because they haven't been tried. All the more reason to experiment in California. Gun rights groups in California have threatened to sue over what the president of the state's Rifle and Pistol Association called "a tax on exercising a constitutional right." The Supreme Court has indeed articulated a new doctrine that analyzes gun regulations in terms of what rules prevailed at the time of the Second Amendment's adoption in 1791.

The California measure would not limit the legal right of anyone to own a gun as long as they can pay the tax, however; and the taxes would not be prohibitive but vary with each item's price.

Another objection is political: Tax increases are unpopular. However, on "sin taxes" such as those on alcohol and tobacco, voters have sometimes rejected referendums proposing increases, and sometimes approved them. At least in some states, the heavy human toll wrought by guns and ammo could persuade voters to consider higher taxes as a matter of public safety and health. They exemplify what economists call "Pigouvian taxation," so named for Arthur C. Pigou, a British economist who elaborated the concept of discouraging socially costly individual choices. Other examples include the gas tax (to fight air pollution) and plastic bag surcharges. The United States might achieve many policy goals more efficiently through Pigouvian taxation — as California's new tax could help prove, if given a chance.

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D.C. closed its pools too soon

This summer has been the hottest in recorded history ["It's high time to change the way we talk about extreme heat," news, July 27]. Heat-advisory warnings have been issued numerous times throughout the summer, with a frequency rarely seen before ["D.C. area in throes of its most intense heat wave on record this late in year," Metro, Sept. 8]. Yet the Bowser administration is not taking full advantage of the Department of Parks and Recreation's resources to allow residents to cool down in outdoor pools.

The temperatures have exceeded 90 degrees on average for most of this month, but the vast majority of the city's outdoor pools closed on Labor Day.

It makes less and less sense to end the summer season on Labor Day given the evidence of climate change. D.C. residents are fortunate to have these public amenities. We should be permitted to use them. They are no longer just amenities; they have become necessities in this age of global warming.

Air-conditioned cooling centers are expensive and waste energy, especially when there are natural ways to cool down.

Andrew Rubin, *Washington*

Making a climate change

The Aug. 31 news article "You're doing it wrong: Recycling and other myths about aiding the climate" offered good insights into actions that make an impact for both climate solutions and plastic reduction. The article implied, but did not discuss directly, that individual actions will never be enough if corporate and government behaviors continue to drive in the opposite direction. This must be made unequivocally clear.

The petroleum industry has been dodging its own responsibility by effectively saddling consumers with the guilt-driven burden of solving these crises, all while continuing to make the problem worse. Reporting in recent years has shown that just as the packaging industry started anti-littering campaigns to distract from the waste crisis it created, now we see the fossil fuel industry pushing the idea of individuals' carbon footprints. We have seen leadership from the Biden administration on these and other important areas, but much more is needed.

Let's be careful not to misplace the burden: It is the corporations, not consumers, that must be held accountable for solving the climate and plastics disasters they themselves created. The status quo is simply not acceptable.

Jacqueline Savitz, *Washington*
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The Aug. 31 news article "You're doing it wrong: Recycling and other myths about aiding the climate" helped inform the public about climate solutions. I agree with Chris Field, the director of Stanford's Woods Institute for the Environment, who was quoted as saying, "Individual actions can only go so far." He recommended voting for a "climate-friendly government agenda," which is certainly necessary.

The other necessary thing individuals can do is regularly contact elected officials of both major parties about the need for large-scale climate action. As a member of Citizens' Climate Lobby, I know it's not enough to send representatives to Washington. We need to keep making it clear to them what we want them to do.

John Sabin, *Oberlin, Ohio*

The Aug. 31 news article on recycling and climate myths reported that "24 percent say driving slower . . . will have a lot or some impact on climate change. But experts said [that's] unlikely to make much of a difference in reducing greenhouse gas emissions." By contrast, it quoted an expert saying, "If three-quarters of . . . the world adopted a plant-rich diet by 2050, they could avoid . . . more than 100 gigatons of emissions."

The benefits of driving slower deserve more recognition. By adopting gentle driving habits — mostly by merely minding the speed limit — I've improved my gas mileage by 26 percent. By my calculation, if three-quarters of the world made a similar mileage gain, drivers would burn 69 billion fewer gallons of fuel, thus avoiding 0.6 gigatons of emissions annually — not counting the avoided emissions associated with producing, storing and transporting all that fuel.

But there's more. Gentle driving also reduces wear and tear, so there's less vehicle maintenance, fewer breakdowns, fewer replacement parts and fewer replacement cars needed. Traffic accidents are less likely and less severe at slower speeds, yielding further savings in emergency response, medical care and rehab of those injured.

Taken together, that's a lot of emissions avoided simply by adopting gentle driving techniques, starting with slower speeds. With the reduced carbon footprint, enjoying an occasional cheeseburger might be just fine.

Marvin Solberg, *Edgewater*

The Aug. news 31 article on climate myths did a great job of summarizing the most impactful climate actions that individuals can take. Yet, because of how our systems are set up, individual behavior alone won't achieve the reductions we need. In fact, the "carbon footprint" idea was pushed by oil and gas companies to divert attention from their actions and shift responsibility to consumers.

After covid-19 hit, the whole world shut down. People stopped driving and flying. Yet total carbon dioxide emissions dropped by less than 5 percent, showing how much emissions are baked into the systems that keep everything running: agriculture, factories, heating and cooling, transport of goods, etc.

Individual action is not pointless and, collectively, can help bring about shifts in social norms, but we need a systematic change toward carbon-neutral energy and goods production to stabilize the climate. Bold policy changes and corporate leadership are a critical part of the shifts needed — and we must not lose sight of that. Voting with climate in mind is perhaps one of the most important individual actions that can be taken, as is talking about climate change to make it a policy priority.

Flavio Lehner, *Ithaca, N.Y.*
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The Aug. 31 news article "You're doing it wrong: Recycling and other myths about aiding the climate" provided great information so we can best make our own small contributions to reducing climate change. Missing was a discussion about how homeowners with a little land might contribute by saving mature trees or forest, or by planting trees.

As a landscape architect, I see a trend of homeowners clearing mature trees and native plants to create "outdoor rooms" filled with paving and expanses of lawn. Instead, great landscapes and use areas can be created under or near the canopies of existing majestic trees.

Not only does keeping mature trees increase the value of our homes and add beautiful seasonal interest, but cultivating them also has great environmental value. They sequester carbon and can create rich forest soil that also sequesters carbon. They also create shade, which can reduce air-conditioning use; create windbreaks, which can reduce heating use; and reduce runoff and erosion. Native trees and plants can also provide for wildlife, including birds.

Mature hardwoods with possible higher capacities for carbon sequestering include maples, oaks, hickories and beech in our Mid-Atlantic region. For properties adjacent to woods, we might expand the wooded areas and reduce lawns. Planting new native trees can help reduce climate impact in future decades as the trees grow.

If many of us each makes a small contribution in whatever ways we are able, together perhaps we can make a big difference.

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President Biden should not run again in 2024

Joe Biden launched his candidacy for president in 2019 with the words "We are in the battle for the soul of this nation." He was right. And though it wasn't obvious at first to many Democrats, he was the best person to wage that fight. He was a genial but also shrewd campaigner for the restoration of what legislators call "regular order."

Since then, Biden has had a remarkable string of wins. He defeated President Donald Trump in the 2020 election; he led a Democratic rebuff of Trump's acolytes in the 2022 midterms; his Justice Department has systematically prosecuted the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection that Trump championed and, now, through special counsel Jack Smith, is bringing Trump himself to justice.

What I admire most about President Biden is that in a polarized nation, he has governed from the center out, as he promised on election day. With an unexpectedly steady hand, he passed some of the most important domestic legislation in recent decades. In foreign policy, he managed the delicate balance of helping Ukraine fight Russia without getting America itself into a war. In sum, he has been a successful and effective president.

But I don't think Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris should run for reelection. It's painful to say that, given my admiration for much of what they have accomplished. But if he and Harris campaign together in 2024, I think Biden risks undoing his greatest achievement — which was stopping Trump.

Biden wrote his political testament in his 2021 inaugural speech, "When our days are through, our children and our children's children will say of us they gave their best. They did their duty. They healed a broken land." Mr. President, maybe this is that moment when duty has been served.

Biden would carry two big liabilities into a 2024 campaign. He would be 82 when he began a second term. According to a recent poll by the Associated Press and the NORC Center for Public Affairs, 77 percent of the public thinks he's too old to be effective for four more years, including 69 percent of Democrats. Biden's age isn't just a Fox News trope; it's been the subject of dinner-table conversations across America this summer.

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Because of voters' concerns about Biden's age, they would sensibly focus on his presumptive running mate, Harris. She is less popular than Biden, with a 39.5 percent approval rating, according to the polling website "538." Harris has many laudable qualities, but the simple fact is that she has failed to gain traction in the country or even within her own party.

Biden could encourage a more open vice-presidential selection process that could produce a stronger running mate. There are many good alternatives, starting with Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, who I wish Biden had chosen in the first place, or Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo. But breaking up the ticket would be a free-for-all that could alienate Black women, a key constituency. Biden might end up more vulnerable.

Politicians who know Biden well say that if he were convinced that Trump was truly vanquished, he would feel that he had accomplished his political mission. He will run again if believes in his gut that Trump will be the GOP nominee and that he has the best chance to defeat him and save the country from the nightmare of a revenge presidency.

Biden has never been good at saying no. He should have resisted the choice of Harris, who was a colleague of his beloved son Beau when they were both state attorneys general. He should have blocked former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, which has done considerable damage to the island's security. He should have stopped his son Hunter from joining the board of a Ukrainian gas company and representing companies in China—and he should certainly have resisted Hunter's attempts to impress clients by getting Dad on the phone.

Biden has another chance to say no — to himself, this time — by withdrawing from the 2024 race. It's might not be in character for Biden, but it would be a wise choice for the country.

Biden has in many ways remade himself as president. He is no longer the garrulous gladhander I met when I first started covering Congress in 1980. He's still an old-time pol, to be sure, but he is now more focused and strategic; he executes policies systematically, at home and abroad. As Franklin Foer writes in "The Last Politician," a new account of Biden's presidency, "he will be remembered as the old hack who could."

Time is running out. In a month or so, this decision truly will be cast in stone. It will be too late for other Democrats, including Harris, to test themselves in primaries and see if they have the stuff of presidential leadership. Right now, there's no obvious alternative to Biden—no screamingly obvious replacement waiting in the wings. That may be the decider for Biden, that there's nobody else. But maybe he will trust in democracy to discover new leadership, "in the arena."

I hope Biden has this conversation with himself about whether to run, and that he levels with the country about it. It would focus the 2024 campaign. Who is the best person to stop Trump? That was the question when Biden decided to run in 2019, and it's still the essential test of a Democratic nominee today.

JOSH ROGIN



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Vice President Harris at the 43rd ASEAN Summit last week in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Showing up in Asia is vital, but not enough

Over the past week, Secretary of State Antony Blinken's Ukraine visit and President Biden's trip to India and Vietnam dominated international news. But Vice President Harris's overlooked visit to Indonesia might turn out to be even more important in the long term. The front line of the great-power competition with China runs through Southeast Asia.

In Jakarta, Harris represented the United States (in Biden's absence) at a meeting with nine of the 10 governments from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, known as ASEAN. (Myanmar, where the military junta is crushing its own citizens, was not invited.) She also attended the East Asia Summit, which includes China, India, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. She met with several regional leaders; she has established personal relationships with many of them. This was Harris's fourth trip to Asia since she became vice president and her third to Southeast Asia.

Cabinet officials' trips to China generate intense coverage but scant results. Conversely, Harris's substantive work to advance alliances in Southeast Asia has gone largely unnoticed. This is partly because of Washington's chronic neglect of this important but low-profile region. Those fighting international fires tend to draw attention more than those carefully tending the diplomatic gardens of the future.

"If you just look down the path of the next couple decades and think about what's going to be important right now to do, strengthening relationships in this part of the world is going to be a big part of that," Harris told me during an interview in Jakarta. "Showing up is very important . . . but it's not enough."

Harris is also dogged by a false narrative that she's not up to the job on foreign policy — one undoubtedly amplified by misogyny and racism on the far right. This portrayal typically focuses on her one imperfect interview in Guatemala two years ago or the time she accidentally described North Korea as a U.S. ally during a visit to the demilitarized zone. In fact, since 2021, Harris has met with dozens of Asian leaders, including the heads of all five U.S. treaty allies in the region (Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Australia and Thailand), many of them multiple times — patiently reinforcing ties that are crucial to U.S. interests in the Indo-Pacific.

Harris has also met with Chinese President Xi Jinping and briefly met with Chinese Premier Li Qiang last week in Jakarta. But she isn't focused on China; she took on the Southeast Asia portfolio because it offered her an opportunity to step up and be useful.

"She's serving in the same role for Biden that Biden did for President Obama on foreign policy, just in a different region," U.S. Ambassador to Japan Rahm Emanuel told me. "She went to a major international forum in Asia and she took care of the business. It's that simple. And that means a lot."

She met with Indonesian President Joko Widodo, and they discussed a limited free-trade deal that could help the United States reduce its dependence on China for nickel and other minerals needed to produce the technologies of tomorrow. She has taken on crucial but low-publicity issues such as supply chains, clean-energy infrastructure and tensions in the South China Sea.

This is often not a glamorous assignment. For example, Harris boarded a Philippine Coast Guard ship last November and visited the remote island of Palawan, where she promised the United States would stand against "illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing," which China is pushing to unprecedented levels, with devastating ecological and economic consequences. Although she was mocked by Fox News for visiting fishermen on Palawan, Harris told me it is important to convince people in these countries that America cares about their situation.

"You've got to know the history of the country, what's their experience with this issue, what did their grandmother tell them when they were growing up about what this issue means to their family and their identity and their nation," she told me.

ASEAN countries have more than 600 million people and a combined GDP of $3.2 trillion. And as China's economic growth slows, Southeast Asia's is set to accelerate; if ASEAN were a single nation, its economy would be the fourth-largest in the world by 2050. U.S. businesses already recognize the region's potential. ASEAN countries have received more than $350 billion in U.S. foreign direct investment, which is more than American investment in China, India, Japan and South Korea combined, according to data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

The region's stability is vital to the success of the U.S. and global economies. About one-third of all global maritime shipping traverses the South China Sea. That's why China is building military bases there on contested islands and artificial features, while brazenly expanding its territorial claims, including as recently as this month.

Harris told me her experience as a former prosecutor informs her focus on enforcing the rule of law and international norms in the region. This plays well in Southeast Asia, where many governments shy away from grandiose talk about democracy vs. autocracy and want to avoid direct confrontation with Beijing.

"Prosecutors have to understand that you get your case as it is. You don't [get to] make it up," she told me.

That might be Harris's way of acknowledging that the Biden administration's strategy in Southeast Asia has gaps. Despite a long list of regional initiatives, the administration's Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, which is meant to be the economic plank of the strategy, does not contain enough substance to be taken seriously in the region. Although U.S. trade with ASEAN countries rose to $520 billion last year, the administration rarely talks about the issue.

Southeast Asian countries have various relationships with Beijing, but none want to be forced to choose between the two superpowers. At the same time, China's increasing economic aggression and military expansion are making regional leaders' lives harder. Almost all want more U.S. engagement.

"There's a variation in terms of their reluctancy or their ability to speak publicly about their concerns," Harris told me. "The one thing that is pretty consistent is that they don't ask us to stop talking about it."

The most interesting moment in Harris's trip came at Wednesday night's gala dinner, when Harris invited Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida to chat and then released a statement about their joint position on the South China Sea. That encounter was aimed at sending a message about growing alliances to confront China's aggression without saying as much out loud.

Harris is careful when talking about China, not wanting to increase tensions in an already nervous region. I asked her whether the United States and China were in a Cold War. She said, "No" but quickly added, "There shouldn't be a conflation between that point and what we are willing to do to compete and how clear-eyed we are about where there is a divergence of values and priorities."

To be sure, Harris has been learning foreign policy on the job, as all diplomats must. But rather than assuming she already knew everything, she did the legwork to learn about this region from the people on the ground. Her conclusion, which is correct, is that the United States ought to listen to them more.

"We cannot have any credibility if we don't have some level of profound and sincere interest and therefore knowledge about what is happening in other countries," she told me.

Can Harris escape her unjustified depiction as a gaffe-prone foreign policy neophyte? Can U.S. foreign policy manage urgent crises while also investing the time and resources needed to prepare for the next decade? For the sake of both the United States and Southeast Asia, let's hope both answers are yes.

Women in journalism pass another milestone

BY ANDREA MITCHELL

On Sept. 17, another milestone will be passed for women journalists. Kristen Welker is set to become the 13th moderator of "Meet the Press," the longest-running show on American television. For the first time, every Sunday public affairs program will be moderated or co-moderated by a woman as Welker joins Dana Bash, Shannon Bream, Margaret Brennan, Jen Psaki and Martha Raddatz at the helms for their respective networks.

Not that long ago, "woman journalist" was almost an oxymoron, especially in broadcast news. When I applied for my first job, at an all-news radio station in Philadelphia in 1967, I was told the newsroom was no place for women. I talked them into hiring me for the overnight shift, where I'd be less "disruptive." I was so grateful to get my foot in the door, I hardly noticed my job title: "copyboy."

By 1972, women were among the reporters covering the race for the White House. But Timothy Crouse's rousing book about the traveling political press corps was titled "The Boys on the Bus." It was simply assumed that the news business was an all-male, all-White domain. That was true even when a woman was the boss. In her 1997 memoir, "Personal History," Katharine Graham, the powerful former publisher of The Post, recalled that the Gridiron Club (founded in 1885) and the National Press Club (founded in 1908) were among "many unenlightened, regressive sanctuaries of male supremacy" in the nation's capital.

The same year Crouse reported his book, a group of female journalists picketed outside the hotel where Gridiron Club members were holding their annual dinner. Graham wrote that she and her friend Meg Greenfield, who later became The Post's editorial page editor, wanted to see the action — without attracting any notice. With Greenfield behind the wheel, Graham "hunched down as best I could" in the car, "trying to avoid being seen." This gave her a "hilarious perspective" on the white-tie club members, the line of limousines and the picketing female reporters. Judith Martin, who wrote The Post's "Miss Manners" column, wheeled a baby carriage for effect.



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Kristen Welker appears on "Meet the Press" as guest moderator in Washington on Oct. 9.

The National Press Club refused for decades to admit female members or even allow them to attend newsmaker luncheons. In 1955, the club relented by offering space in the balcony. According to a 2019 club history by its historian, Gil Klein, the only speaker who refused to appear if women were excluded was Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in 1959. To accommodate him, the club permitted 14 women to attend for every 10 men. (History does not record how they arrived at that formula.) Only in 1971 did women attain full membership; fittingly, United Press International's pathbreaking White House correspondent, Helen Thomas, became the club's first female officer.

A few pioneers broke through the gender barrier in Washington's TV newsrooms: Lesley Stahl at CBS, Cokie Roberts and Raddatz at ABC, Judy Woodruff at NBC News, CNN and PBS, where she was joined by Gwen Ifill as the first female co-anchors on the NewsHour's nightly broadcast. Yet even as women gained traction as reporters and editors, paternalistic notions held us back.

In 1979, I was energy correspondent for NBC when the Iranian Revolution caused gas prices to skyrocket, creating endless lines at the pump and a political crisis for President Jimmy Carter. Nuclear power gained supporters — until March 28 that year, when the Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Pennsylvania had a serious accident. During the first week of the reactor shutdown, NBC rotated correspondents from the Washington bureau, hoping to minimize exposure to the undetermined level of radiation. But not the energy correspondent.

Finally, I marched into the bureau chief's office, along with another correspondent, Carole Simpson. He was a close friend (he hired me for NBC News), but when he explained that he wanted to protect women of childbearing age from radiation, I shot back that testicles were as vulnerable as ovaries. I was on my way to Three Mile Island the next day.

As the 13th moderator in the 75-year history of "Meet the Press," Welker will be the first Black person in the role. But not, intriguingly, the first woman. That honor belongs to the broadcast's founding host, Martha Roundtree, who launched the program in 1947.

Welker, the network's chief White House correspondent during three presidencies, has a well-earned reputation for being collegial and inclusive. I can attest to her eagerness to jump into action for others, even while under pressure herself. A conversation with her usually begins with her asking, "How can I help you?" She is a rare combination: a pit bull when chasing a story, and the kind of friend you know you will treasure forever.

After moderating the final debate between Donald Trump and Joe Biden in 2020, Welker was widely praised for her preternatural aplomb under extraordinary pressure. Welker will now lead the most venerable program on television, inheriting the legacy of such predecessors as Tim Russert and Chuck Todd. There is still a long way to go in the march to equal representation, but Welker will be an example to follow. As White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said at Welker's final daily briefing: "Little girls and boys are going to watch you and hopefully be inspired by everything that you do every Sunday."

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Fatally shot student was 'boundless'

Death of Prince George's high-schooler who dreamed of WNBA hastens security changes

BY JASMINE HILTON AND NICOLE ASBURY

Weapons detectors will be installed at DuVal High School on Wednesday, two days after a 16-year-old girl was shot and killed while leaving the school, according to a letter from the principal to families.

Prince George's County Public Schools expedited the security equipment, according to Superintendent Millard House II. Originally, it would have been in place in the next couple of months. All high schools in the district, which is Maryland's second-largest, are expected to receive weapons detectors by January.

"We're going to actually move that up to ensure that this community feels the kind of safety that we know it wants," House said Monday.

On Tuesday, police identified the teen who was killed as Jayda Medrano Moore. She was a member of the high school's girls basketball team and dreamed of turning pro with the Women's National Basketball Association, according to a GoFundMe appeal started by a family member. She was just a few weeks short of turning 17.

House described Jayda as "bright" and "vibrant."

"Her potential, quite frankly, boundless. Her dreams and aspirations, her talent, promising," House said at a news conference Monday night. "She was a dedicated student, a beloved daughter, cherished friend and a source of inspiration for many."

Officials said that Jayda, of Greenbelt, was walking down Palamar Drive in the Lanham area after school Monday afternoon when a dispute broke out between two groups. During the dispute, police said, someone fired a gun that killed Jayda.

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DuVal High School in Lanham on Tuesday. The school will be getting weapons detectors Wednesday, just two days after student Jayda Medrano Moore, 16, was fatally shot while leaving the Prince George's County school.

A D.C. teen is killed on his way to work

Police say 17-year-old was accosted by three assailants

BY PETER HERMANN

Antonio Cunningham started working at Jersey Mike's Subs in Northeast Washington over the summer, building sandwiches and earning the first real paycheck of his young life.

On Monday afternoon, the 17-year-old's family said, the high school junior finished classes and took the Metro to the station in Northeast Washington's Brentwood neighborhood.

From there, it should have been a two-minute walk to the sub shop on the ground floor of the Rhode Island Row apartment complex, in a busy commercial strip.

The young man never made it to work.

D.C. police said Cunningham was accosted by three masked assailants who fatally shot him and critically injured a man who intervened steps from Jersey Mike's.

"We're just devastated," said Kenya Darby, 33, who is engaged to Cunningham's father and lives with the family. Noting surging violent crime in the District, she said, "We're always tying to make sure he is doing the right thing, making sure he was where he was supposed to be."

That would be home, school, work and a boxing gym.

"He was where he was supposed to be at," Darby said. "He was doing what he was supposed to be doing. And someone took his life."

She said she often reminded Cunningham of the perils of D.C. streets. "It's dangerous out there," Darby said she told him. "I know you're not looking for trouble, but trouble will find you out there."



FAMILY PHOTO

Antonio Cunningham, 17, was fatally shot in D.C. on Monday. His family said police told them it appears the three masked assailants tried to rob him.

She added, "Our kids are dying."

D.C. police described the encounter involving Cunningham and the masked people as an altercation. Cunningham's family said police told them it appears the assailants tried to rob him. Police would not comment further, citing the ongoing investigation. A police official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss a juvenile, said Cunningham had no history with law enforcement.

An employee who answered the phone Tuesday at the Brentwood location on Washington Place in Northeast said the Jersey Mike's had closed for the day and no one was available. A police report said a bullet struck the front window of the shop. The school system did not respond to an inquiry on Tues-

SEE TEEN ON B4

Metro tests clarified directions on signage

Change comes amid push to lure riders back and to simplify travel in region

BY JUSTIN GEORGE

Metro is testing what transit officials hope are clearer ways to direct travelers through the system, part of a plan that aims to simplify how commuters access information about destinations, bus-rail connections and payment.

The most noticeable change could involve station signage that includes the direction of train travel alongside the terminus stations — such as New Carrollton or Vienna — to indicate where a train is headed. The project, announced Tuesday, also could include more Metrorail maps at stations, floor decals and cues at escalators directing riders to specific exits and platforms. Lines could be renamed or have secondary names with letters or numbers, much like New York's system.

Metro also announced Tuesday it is planning a two-week Red Line shutdown of some of its busiest downtown stations in late December to replace a 1,000-foot ceiling beam, install fiber-optic cables and replace or clean track parts.

Transit leaders say the signage changes are intended to better serve riders who use public transportation less often since telework reduced office visits and five-days-a-week commuting. Regular commuters need less guidance since their trips become routine, while transit leaders say the overhaul would offer help to those who ride sporadically or to a variety of destinations.

The changes are the latest

SEE METRO ON B4

Tarrio says prosecutors pushed him on Trump

BY TOM JACKMAN

Before he went to trial on charges of seditious conspiracy and other counts related to the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot, Henry "Enrique" Tarrio was open to cutting a deal with prosecutors. The leader of the far-right Proud Boys had been through the federal criminal system before, for selling stolen medical supplies in Florida, and knew that those who pleaded guilty can get much less prison time than those who go to trial.

"I was looking and seeking what the plea offer would look like, right?" Tarrio said in a phone interview with The Washington Post from the D.C. jail. "They didn't want to give me a number," he said, referring to a possible prison sentence. "I need a number. To me, the most important thing is when I get home to my family."

Instead, Tarrio said, the prosecutors asked him what role President Donald Trump played in getting the Proud Boys to attack the Capitol. He said the prosecutors, accompanied by FBI agents in the Miami jail where Tarrio was being held at the time, showed him messages that he exchanged with a second person, who in turn was connected to a third person who was connected to Trump. Tarrio said he told the investigators that he didn't know the third person. He refused to name the

SEE PROUD BOYS ON B2

Report: Hunger affects 1 in 3

D.C.-AREA RATE IS LARGELY UNMOVED

Before pandemic, food insecurity was falling

BY KYLE SWENSON AND DANNY NGUYEN

Hunger remains a stubborn reality for thousands of families across the Washington region.

According to a report released Tuesday by the Capital Area Food Bank, the portion of locals without enough to eat dipped a single percentage point over the last year, from 33 percent in 2022 to 32 percent in 2023.

The latest numbers show the continued destabilizing impact of the pandemic. Before 2020, the region saw five years of decreased food insecurity.

The latest report also paints an uneven regional picture. The Capital Area Food Bank covers the District; Prince George's and Montgomery counties in Maryland; and Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William counties and the city of Alexandria in Virginia. The District and Maryland jurisdictions slightly nudged their hunger numbers down. In northern Virginia, however, food insecurity has remained constant since last year.

"There was so much discussion this year about economic recovery in our region and nationally," said Radha Muthiah, the food bank's president and CEO. "This data is crystal clear that not everyone is recovering at the same pace."

The food bank — which provides food to around 400 partner pantries and distribution sites across the District and nearby

SEE HUNGER ON B3

At Howard, safety initiatives can't focus just on its students



Courtland Milloy

In the aftermath of a melee last month between several Howard University students and a group of 50 or so young people, university officials announced the creation of a "safe path" for students to use while crossing the campus.

"At night, this is the path we want you to walk because every 100 or 200 feet or so, you will see a safety officer, someone who is trained and who understands the language to use and someone who will be responsive," Tashni-Ann Dubroy, Howard's executive vice president and chief operating officer, said during a town hall meeting held in response to the fights.

Imagine that: a "safe path" to protect Black students from Black harassers at a historically Black university, like some kind of underground railroad for smart children.

"What exactly is going on?" Nia Taylor, Howard's Student Association president, asked campus Police Chief Marcus Lyles.

"Washington, D.C., is dealing with a crime uptick, clearly," Lyles said. He asked students to attend a safety fair and consider taking "self-defense classes so we can empower you and make sure you know our phone number and make sure you know how to contact us."

SEE MILLOY ON B5

Proud Boys leader says prosecutors sought a link to Trump

PROUD BOYS FROM B1

people who prosecutors said allegedly connected him to Trump. Ultimately, the nearly five-month trial did not connect the Proud Boys to Trump, beyond his seeming endorsement of the group in a presidential debate in the fall of 2020 in which he told them to "stand back and stand by." The televised comments caused Proud Boys membership to spike, according to testimony at trial.

"They weren't trying to get the truth," Tarrio said. "They were trying to coerce me into signing something that's not true."

Roughly two months later, Tarrio, 39, and four other members of the Proud Boys went on trial in federal court in Washington, where he and three of his lieutenants were convicted of not only seditious conspiracy, but also obstructing an official proceeding. Tarrio was sentenced to 22 years for his leadership role in the group, the longest sentence yet imposed on anyone involved in the Jan. 6 riot.

Prosecutors meet with defendants before trials all the time in hopes of getting cooperation, new information and one less defendant to face in court. The U.S. attorney's office in Washington declined to comment on any pretrial meetings with Tarrio. Trump has been charged with attempting to subvert the election results, but not specifically with inciting the Jan. 6 riot. He has denied any involvement with the riot.

Tarrio renewed his claim that he should not have been charged with or convicted of leading what one judge called "the tip of the spear" of the Jan. 6 insurrection, in which one of the Proud Boys was filmed using a police shield to smash a Capitol window, enabling one of the first breaches of the building. "I don't think what Dominic Pezzola did was right," Tarrio said of his co-defendant, who received a 10-year sentence in part for breaking the window. "I think it's terrible what happened that day."

Tarrio was arrested Jan. 4, 2021, as he was arriving in D.C., for previously burning a Black Lives Matter banner, and was given a pretrial order to stay out of the city. He said police seized



AMANDA ANDRADE-RHOADES FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Members of the far-right Proud Boys group outside the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Former Proud Boys leader Henry "Enrique" Tarrio says prosecutors asked him about President Donald Trump's role in the group's decision to attack the Capitol.



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Tarrio, left, says prosecutors "weren't trying to get the truth" when they questioned him about an alleged connection to Trump.

his phone then, and after he was released from jail Jan. 5, he bought a burner phone but was unable to activate it. He spent Jan. 6 at a hotel in Baltimore.

Tarrio said he thought there was simply going to be a rally on Jan. 6, and now that he could no longer speak at various events that day, "I don't know what instructions I would give somebody at that point ... I'm not speaking. I have no function. So there was no communication." But he did post on the social media platform Parler during the riot, writing, "Don't f---ing leave" while the Proud Boys were inside the Capitol. U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Kelly reminded him of that more than once during his sentencing hearing last week.

If there was no intent to attack the Capitol, then why did the Proud Boys march away from Trump's "Stop the Steal" rally long before the then president ever spoke? Tarrio said he didn't know. He said that the group would not have entered the Capitol if he were there and that he did not believe the election had been stolen, though he was willing to support his members.

Fellow Proud Boys Joe Biggs and Ethan Nordean, in addition to Tarrio, were members of a Telegram message group called "Ministry of Self-Defense," so named because four Proud Boys had been stabbed as they marched through Washington in December 2020. Tarrio claimed that he did not know the stabbings were in self-defense until he watched a video of the incident at trial. Biggs and Nordean led the group on Jan. 6 in Tarrio's absence.

But the "Ministry of Self-Defense" chat was filled with angry rhetoric and calls for revolution, and Tarrio was an active member there, telling members not to wear the group's typical black and gold colors to the District and invoking the American Revolution of 1776. Trial testimony showed that he helped recruit and select a smaller group of Proud Boys to travel to Washington on Jan. 6. Kelly said the "conspiracy ended up with about 200 men amped up for battle, encircling the Capitol, physically led by his co-defendants and a group of men that were seemingly present and played a role in so many of the important breaches of the day."

Tarrio didn't take the stand in his own defense at trial, so the jury never heard from him. He said he feared prosecutors would be allowed to broadly question him about other matters, such as the previous Proud Boys rallies, "where I was going to be disliked more than I already was by the jury."

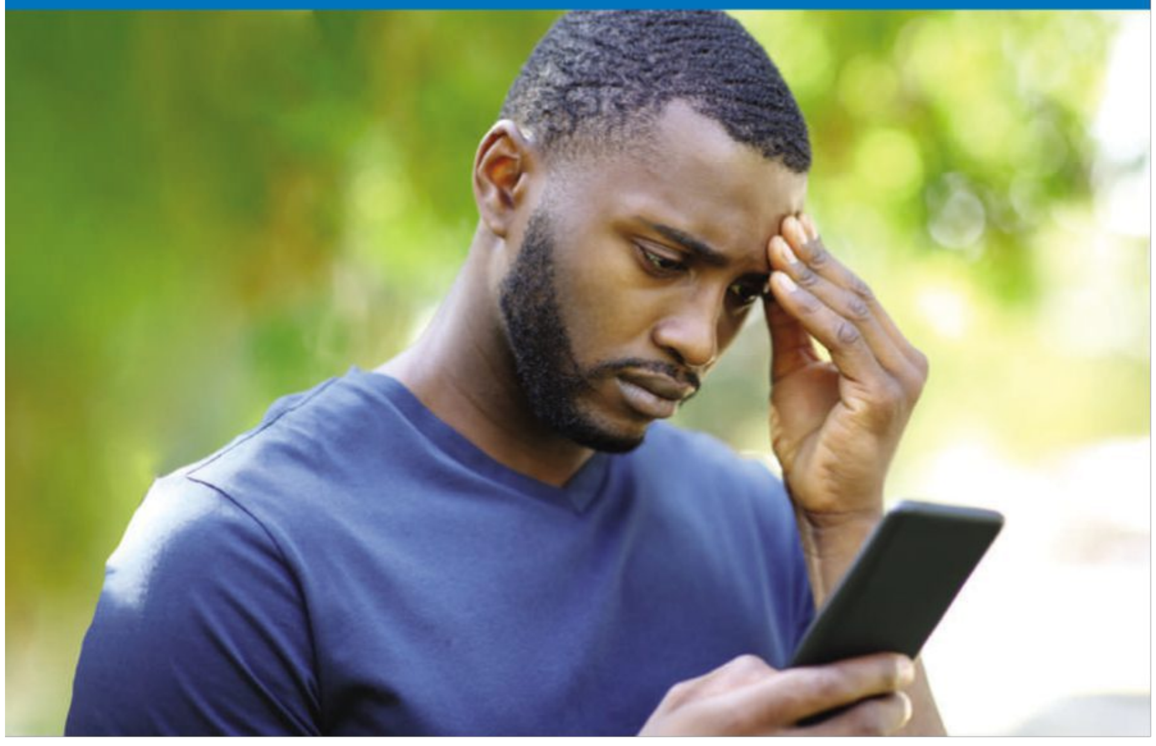
Tarrio said prosecutors in Miami last fall did not ask him about Roger Stone, a longtime Trump confidant who was an acquaintance of Tarrio's, or Ali Alexander, a promoter of the "Stop the Steal" rally. He said the federal visitors did not ask him questions about his knowledge of Jan. 6 beyond the theorized connection to Trump. "There was never an open-ended question after that," Tarrio said.

Prosecutors did later offer Tarrio a deal: nine to 11 years in prison if he pleaded guilty to seditious conspiracy, according to court records. Tarrio declined.

Kelly reminded Tarrio that the Capitol saw more than $2 million in damage and about 140 officers were hurt Jan. 6. "They are heroes, and they do deserve a debt of thanks from all of us," Kelly said.

"Mr. Tarrio was the ultimate leader of that conspiracy," the judge said, summarizing the trial evidence. "I don't really think this is super debatable." He called Tarrio "the ultimate leader, the ultimate person who organized, who was motivated by revolutionary zeal."

Meg Kelly contributed to this report.



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MARYLAND

Woman charged in boyfriend's death

After stabbing victim was taken to hospital, police sought explanation

BY DAN MORSE

Having just driven her mortally wounded boyfriend to a Maryland hospital, Jennifer Espinoza Orellana weighed what to do next.

Her decisions, police say, amounted to the 21-year-old Gaithersburg resident driving off and concocting a cover story that involved both a fictitious sister and a fictitious car crash.

Authorities in Montgomery County said Monday they have charged Espinoza Orellana with second-degree murder in the stabbing of Jose Manuel Zavala Marquez, 20, outside her home Sunday. She was ordered held without bond Monday. Attorneys representing her could not be reached for comment.

Her exact version of the events is not clear, but at one point she told detectives that Zavala Marquez choked or tried to choke her, according to court records. Detectives couldn't find any signs of injury, though, and spelled out at least four other inconsistencies in her account, according to a signed affidavit they submitted to court.

At 5:30 a.m. Sunday, the affidavit states, a blue Honda Civic pulled up outside Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove Medical Center in Rockville.

"A female occupant exited the vehicle, entered the lobby of the hospital, and stated her boyfriend had been stabbed," detectives wrote.

Hospital workers found Zavala Marquez in a rear seat. They would eventually pronounce him dead.

The Honda driver, Espinoza Orellana, told hospital staff she had to leave to go tell Zavala Marquez's family what happened, court records state. She left the hospital moments ahead of arriving police officers.

Police quickly set up surveillance around her home. They saw her arrive at 8:15 a.m., go inside, come out in a different outfit, get into a different car and head back to the hospital, according to court records. Detectives caught up with her there.

She said she couldn't drive the Honda, according to court records, because she'd rear-ended another car while leaving the hospital earlier. As to what happened to Zavala Marquez, she asserted that she'd learned of his injuries after getting a text from her sister stating that he'd been stabbed and was in the area of Watkins Mill and Apple Ridge roads in Montgomery Village — about four miles from her home. Espinoza Orellana said she went there, found Zavala Marquez alone and wounded, put him in her Honda and drove him to the hospital.

Espinoza Orellana told detectives she could take them to the spot where she found him and did so. She then agreed to take an investigator to her home to get the clothes she'd first worn to the hospital.

"During the drive, Espinoza Orellana admitted to lying about the location of where Zavala Marquez was found," investigators wrote. "Espinoza Orellana said Zavala Marquez was stabbed near her home and possibly by herself."

Espinoza Orellana agreed to go to police headquarters for more questioning. Investigators allege she admitted to more fabrications: She didn't get a text from her sister, because she doesn't have a sister; she didn't get in a crash, but instead took another car back to the hospital because she was concerned about evidence inside the Honda; she didn't set off to tell Zavala Marquez's relatives what happened because she doesn't know their full names or contact information; and there was a third person with her and Zavala Marquez at the time of the stabbing.

In her revised telling, as described by detectives, on Saturday night or into Sunday morning, Espinoza Orellana, Zavala Marquez and a friend were at her home — with at least some of the parties drinking alcohol. At some point, an altercation developed between Espinoza Orellana and Zavala Marquez.

"Espinoza Orellana stated Zavala Marquez grabbed a knife from the kitchen and threatened to hurt himself if Espinoza Orellana ended their relationship," detectives wrote.

Zavala Marquez then cut himself, she told investigators, and ran out the door. She chased him into a nearby field, where she grabbed the knife and stabbed him once in the chest, according to police.

"Espinoza Orellana stated Zavala Marquez attempted to or had began choking her in the field," court records state. "At the time of the interview, detectives did not observe any defects to Espinoza Orellana's throat or eyes."

She and her friend then carried the wounded man to her car, put him in the rear seat and drove to Shady Grove hospital, detectives wrote. The investigators came to think Espinoza Orellana dropped off her friend just before entering the hospital grounds — to hide the woman's involvement — and picked her up on the way out. It was unclear what, if anything, authorities had determined about the friend's culpability.

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Reason for duck assembly at Farragut is tough to square



John Kelly's Washington

By the time I grew weary of counting and stopped, I'd counted a whopping 148 ducks in the photo **John Hoskinson** took last Friday evening in Farragut Square.

"You can try counting them, but I think there were more than that," John told me. "I didn't take the whole park."

So let's round up: On Friday, Sept. 8, 2023, there were easily 150 mallards just chilling in downtown Washington.

"I've seen one mallard duck family in the park that seems to be living there full time, but I've never seen so many ducks," said John, whose real estate office overlooks the park. "What amazed me is nobody else seemed to be surprised by it."

It is an amazing photo. The ducks are perfectly distributed, as if placed by the copy-and-paste tool in Photoshop. The ducks don't seem to mind the people sitting on benches in the park. The people on the benches don't seem to mind the ducks. Some of the ducks are sitting, but most are standing.

I showed the photo to **April Linton**, volunteer coordinator for Duck Watch, the City Wildlife program that helps keep nesting ducks safe in the city.

"There are always a few ducks in Farragut Square, but this is an unusually large crowd," April said. "My best guess is that they showed up to grub for critters in the grass, which they like to do after a good rain."

Those critters include worms and insect larvae.

We got a little bit of precipitation that evening. Perhaps there was a shower earlier.

Anne Lewis, president of City Wildlife, pointed out that we're nearing migration season for ducks.

"I've never seen that in Farragut Square. Mostly it's on water bodies," said Anne. "Take something like the Constitution Gardens pond or the Capitol reflecting pool. Around late October, we'll see hundreds of ducks come in and land for a few days on the water and rest in their southern migration."

It's a little early for that, but not impossibly early. Constitution Gardens draws more birds and thus more birders, there to see such species as northern shovelers, gadwalls and grebes.

"The only other explanation is somebody's feeding them down in Farragut Square," Anne said.

But in this particular photo, it doesn't appear any humans are handing out food. Not to ducks, anyway. John said earlier in the day a charity had been distributing free meals to people experiencing homelessness.

"If someone was feeding [the ducks], they'd be all bunched up," Anne said. "If I had to guess, I'd guess they're resident ducks who happened into a food source."

Resident ducks are ducks that decide to stay in one place rather than migrate with the seasons.

"They're not scared of people. Usually, wilder ducks are a lot more skittish."

That would explain how relaxed the ducks seem. They reminded me of the figures in that **Georges Seurat** painting "A Sunday on La Grande Jatte."

Daniel Rauch of the District's Department of Energy and Environment noted that mallards are among the most urbanized of birds, able to do well in parks and on docks and golf courses. He, too, wondered if someone had been feeding the ducks.

"They tell their friends, and the word gets passed along in the duck world," he said.

I asked **Bruce Beehler**, a Smithsonian ornithologist, what he thought. He speculated that the ducks might have been captive-bred mallards, raised by private waterfowl fanciers or local game farms.

Wildlife officials in Maryland and Virginia said their states do not breed or release ducks for hunting. But in Maryland, privately run commercial regulated shooting areas are allowed to do that. Could these have been some of those ducks, on the run?

Whatever was going on, John said he hasn't seen it repeated since last Friday.

Reuniting

These flocks are gathering soon for high school reunions:

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JOHN K. HOSKINSON

After leaving work Friday, John K. Hoskinson was startled to see Farragut Square full of ducks. The mallards and the people appeared equally at ease, and there was no sign of anyone offering food.

People in most food-insecure households work, report finds

HUNGER FROM B1

suburbs — says overall demand is still "significantly elevated" compared with pre-pandemic levels. In 2023, the food bank distributed 53 million meals, 77 percent more than the nonprofit distributed in 2019.

The report tracks with national economic news. Last year, wages failed to keep up with inflation that was at a 40-year high, a problem that only began to ease recently. That was not reflected in the recent report, which covers May 2022 to April 2023.

The food bank reports that inflation and the wind-down of the expanded social programs available in 2020 and 2021 contributed to hunger in the region. More than half of 5,300 locals surveyed for the report — 52 percent — told researchers the pandemic, high prices due to inflation and loss of government benefits contributed to their struggle.

While the percentage of those who are food-insecure barely changed across the region, there was some variation among counties. Maryland's Prince George's County remains the most food-insecure part of the region. There, 1 in every 2 households experienced food insecurity last year. But the county's rate also dropped from 48 percent last year to 45 percent in the new report.

Similarly, Maryland's Montgomery County also saw a reduction, from 30 percent in 2022 to 27 percent in 2023. The District dropped from 36 percent to 35 percent.

But the declines in some jurisdictions don't mean food insecurity is no longer an urgent problem, Montgomery County Executive Marc Erlich (D) said. Some of the county's food providers already exhausted the annual funds the local government provides them, he said.

"This is not a time to be cutting back on food," Erlich said. "We're going to put out a supplemental [fund] right now and possibly later to make sure that everybody has the funding they need to maintain the program."

Virginia's major jurisdictions saw no change between the 2022 and 2023 reports: Prince William County remains at 36 percent; Alexandria is still at 31 percent; and Fairfax County remains at 24 percent. According to the report, only Arlington saw a drop in food insecurity over the last year, going from 21 percent in 2022 to 17 percent in 2023.

In Fairfax County, one of the areas where hunger levels have remained stagnant over the last year, Antonia Montalvo, 59, grabbed her monthly bag of food from Food for Others last Friday.

Montalvo, a nanny who lives in Annandale, started coming to the food bank during the pandemic, she said — right after her hours taking care of small children for two families were cut in half. Since the pandemic shifted work from office-based to remote, parents could be home more to supervise children. Montalvo says she went from working about 30 hours a week to only working 15 hours, a pay cut that left her and her husband struggling to afford basic expenses.

"We could manage beforehand, but between rent, car insurance and food, it started to get very tight," she said in Spanish. "I still worked and did what I could to cover the necessities and the bills, but the food we got was a huge blessing. It lasted usually two or three days."

These days, she is back to working about 30 hours a week, she said, but continues seeking the bags of food to pass them on to a neighbor and some other nannies she knows from the playground and the library. Many of those families are undocumented and are nervous about seeking out help, or they have young kids and no car to get them to the food bank, Montalvo said.

"If there's generosity, if there's food there and if I can be blessed, I can bless someone else, too," she said.

Unemployment is relatively low in Fairfax County, but that doesn't correlate with food insecurity trends. The number of visitors to Food for Others has skyrocketed, said Annie Turner, who stepped down in August as executive director of Food for Others. "Many of our families have jobs, and they need two and three jobs to make it in Fairfax County."

The report's findings also reflect a working population that struggles in an area with a high cost of living. The majority of food-insecure households over the last year, 76 percent, were employed, it said, a statistic that dropped just one percentage point over the last year.

"What was alarming to see in the data is that one in five of people who are food-insecure make $120,000 a year, the median household income," Muthiah of Capital Area Food Bank said. "So it's not about whether someone is employed or not. It's about whether someone is in a low-wage job or a living-wage job. That's the difference here."

One bright spot in the survey was a slight downturn in families facing hunger. In the 2022 report, 48 percent of food-insecure households in the region had children. According to the new report, that's down to 42 percent.

But clouding prospects for more improvement is the March 2023 end of expanded benefits for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients — a major shift that will continue to impact hunger into the next year.

"The scale of that impact ... millions of dollars every month ... is not something we have the local resources to replace," said Heather Bruskin, the director of the office of food systems resilience in Montgomery County.

For Jacqueline Contreras, 33, it meant a change from receiving $250 per month in SNAP benefits during the midst of the pandemic. That went down to $60 in December and then to zero in March. Besides a brief three-week stint working at Marshall's, she has been unemployed since the start of the pandemic, she said.

Contreras, who lives in Annandale, has only recently started coming to Food for Others. She says the large bags of food she carried home from the pantry had been her saving grace.

This January, she started schooling at North Virginia Community College, which she hopes will expand her employment prospects. With supplemental food from the food bank and careful budgeting, Contreras says she hopes she can make it by until she resumes working.

Teo Armus contributed to this report.



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Volunteers outside a Takoma Park, Md., school operate a food pick-up in December. Food insecurity in Montgomery County fell from 30 percent in 2022 to 27 percent this year, according to a report released Tuesday by the Capital Area Food Bank.



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Boxes of provisions from the Capital Area Food Bank in D.C., where food insecurity this year fell slightly, to 35 percent.

LOCAL DIGEST

MARYLAND

2 teens charged in fatal shooting

Two teenagers have been arrested and charged in the fatal shooting of another teenager in the Temple Hills area, Prince George's County police said Tuesday.

Carlos Jordan, 18, of Temple Hills, is charged with first-degree murder and related counts in the killing of Davier Tucker, 19, of Fort Washington. Desmann Aikens, 18, of Capitol Heights, is charged with being an accessory after the fact, police said. They are being held at the county jail.

Officers responded to the reported shooting about 2:40 p.m. on Sept. 5 in the 2900 block of Brinkley Road, police said. They found Tucker outside with gunshot wounds. He died hours later at a hospital.

According to an initial investigation, police said Jordan shot Tucker before Aikens drove Jordan from the scene. Jordan and Aikens knew Tucker, according to police.

It was not immediately clear whether Jordan or Aikens has an attorney.

— *Jasmine Hilton*



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Metro tests new signage to ease traveler mix-ups

METRO FROM B1

under consideration as Metro tries to win back commuters who abandoned transit during the pandemic. It comes as Metro is staring down a $750 million budget shortfall in the next fiscal year while ridership was cut in half.

Many of the proposed changes to fixed and digital signs already are being tested at the L'Enfant Plaza station, with more signage modifications to come. Transit employees will gather rider responses through surveys and questionnaires, which will be used to develop permanent changes systemwide.

"What we're trying to do is attract new or infrequent riders by making transit easier to navigate and access," said Sarah Meyer, Metro's chief experience and engagement officer. "We are really focused on improving wayfinding, as well as technology upgrades and digital infrastructure that allow our customers to access the system better and figure out where they're going."

Transit officials said riders have indicated they often are confused while navigating a bus system that includes 11,500 stops and 11 regional transit centers, and Metrorail — the nation's third-largest subway system — with more than 120 miles of track in two states and the District.

A customer survey showed 39 percent of registered SmarTrip users took a wrong rail station exit in the past year. Nearly 30 percent of respondents told Metro they have used the wrong platform, while 23 percent said they boarded a train going in the wrong direction. Seventeen percent of riders said they have taken the wrong line.



AMANDA ANDRADE-RHOADES FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

A passenger at the Ashburn station in Ashburn, Va., on Feb. 16. Metro wants to test the use of maps at stations that include more detail about nearby stations and less about those that are farther away.

Among them was Sandra Pape, who exited the Metro earlier this year — fresh off a flight from Alabama — and began looking for her D.C. hotel. She had left the wrong end of the L'Enfant Plaza station and quickly got lost in a labyrinth of brutalist buildings.

On a return trip this week with her sister, Pape used a large mural of a dog in a NASA spacesuit above an exit as a signpost.

"We look for the Weimaraner in the spacesuit," she said.

Some riders who use the Metro system more frequently saw less of a need for changing station signage or names.

"I don't think they're terrible the way they are," said Madeleine Smith, 25, of Arlington, while waiting Tuesday at L'Enfant Plaza.

Still, she said only a "local" would know the direction of New Carrollton — the eastern terminus for the Orange Line — listed throughout the system to inform riders of the train's route. New York, she said, uses easier terminology, such as "uptown" and "downtown."

Metro officials say such wording is easier for visitors and infrequent Metro riders to understand. The transit agency is testing whether to add directional cues to signs, like "northbound" and "southbound."

Other proposed changes are subtle, such as including regional landmarks on station exit signs, clarifying where an elevator is located or giving tracks different numbers.

Metro also wants to test the use of maps at stations that include more detail about nearby stations and less about those that are farther away. Plans could include adding digital maps with real-time train location and travel time information, as well as digital signs that give riders information before they enter a station.

"More signage would be good," said Kenny Walton, 61, of Odenton, as he sat on a station bench this week, scrolling through his phone while he waited for a train. "But times are changing. Maybe they need to add more things on your phone?"

Transit officials said improvements also are planned for the agency's website and mobile app this year, including real-time transit updates, a MetroAccess vehicle-tracking tool and online chats with customer service representatives.

The plan includes providing more information in stations and online about how to use Metro's mobile payment system, with an eye toward eventually letting riders use mobile or physical credit cards to purchase rides without a transit card.

Metro also plans to continue adding digital signs at bus stops. The transit system has 150 in use with real-time arrival information and is scheduled to add 100 more this year.

Alongside its proposed signage changes, Metro announced the Red Line will not run at Gallery Place, Metro Center or Farragut North from Dec. 18 to Dec. 30 to replace a beam along the tunnel ceiling outside Farragut North that is 1,000 feet long and 100 feet wide. The beam and the concrete around it has been showing wear from water intrusion, said Metro Chief Infrastructure Officer Andy Off.

The beam spans the length of both Red Line tracks, holding up the tunnel's ceiling while supporting an employee work room and machinery above it.

"It is something we've been monitoring for quite a while," Off said. "We did do special inspections on this and don't view it as an imminent safety hazard, but certainly something that we need to get after relatively soon."

Between Dec. 22 and Dec. 24, Metro also will close the Judiciary Square station on the Red Line to replace machines that turn track switches.

Both Metro Center and Gallery Place will remain open during the Red Line closure. Blue, Orange and Silver line trains will continue to operate out of Metro Center while trains on the Green and Yellow lines will still run at Gallery Place. Shuttle buses will bridge Red Line riders between Farragut North and Gallery Place during the construction period.

Metro chose the holiday period to complete the project because about 40 percent fewer passengers historically ride Metro at that time, Off said.

Police searching for person who fired shot that killed Prince George's student

STUDENT FROM B1

Police were still searching Tuesday for the person who fired the shot. They said they did not know whether Jayda was involved in the dispute. They were also investigating whether the groups were students or adults.

Police are offering a reward of up to $25,000 for information that leads to an arrest or indictment in the case.

DuVal Principal Pamela Smith said in a letter to families that there would be more security at the school on Tuesday. A county cruiser was parked across the street as teachers and students arrived. The school also had grief counselors on-site.

Callista Brown, an 18-year-old DuVal student, said she has walked through the neighborhood where Jayda was killed, and that many other students live and walk there.

"It's very eye-awakening that she was just walking home and her life got taken so quickly, so fast," Brown said.

Brown said she was at softball practice Monday when she saw players on the field hiding behind bleachers. The soccer team was playing a game against Bowie High School.

"The coach was like, 'Everyone needs to go inside, go inside now,'" Brown said.

> *"Now that you have access to things where you can expound on your anger and frustration and take action on it with a gun, they do it. ... It's sad."*
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> **Tarik Ndongo, 42,** the father of a DuVal High School senior

Students didn't know what was happening, Brown said. They went into the small gym for a few minutes and then were rushed into the school cafeteria, where they remained on lockdown from 3:55 until about 5 p.m.

There were about 100 people sheltering inside, Brown said. All after-school activities and games were canceled. Brown left when her grandmother came to pick her up.

Tarik Ndongo, a father of a DuVal senior, said the high school is a good school. While violence is usually a "one-off situation" and not systemic, the accessibility to guns has turned infighting among youth deadly, he said.

"It's how they choose to handle things," said Ndongo, 42. "Now that you have access to things where you can expound on your anger and frustration and take action on it with a gun, they do it. ... It's sad."

Magda Jean-Louis contributed to this report.

A month after turning 17, he was fatally shot in D.C.

TEEN FROM B1

day.

As of Tuesday afternoon, police had made no arrests in the shooting, which occurred about 4:30 p.m. They said all three assailants wore black and one had a handgun. All fled in a black SUV. Police said the man who intervened was hospitalized in critical but stable condition. A family member reached by phone Tuesday said the man had just come out of surgery and relatives were not ready to talk about the incident.

The police report says investigators recovered a 9mm handgun from the scene. Police said it did not belong to the victim but declined to comment further.

There have been 190 homicides in D.C. this year as of Tuesday evening, up 28 percent over the same period in 2022, putting the city on pace for one of its deadliest years in two decades. Fifteen people under the age of 18 have been killed this year, 14 by gunfire, according to police. A total of 18 juveniles were killed in all of last year, 16 from firearms.

Darby said Cunningham loved what most teens love — basketball and hanging with his friends. But his daily routines were simple and closely watched by his father and fiancée, the couple said. He spent free time at a boxing club in the Ivy City neighborhood, where he sparred but never had a fight.

Cunningham was "small but tough," Darby said.

He had five younger sisters ranging in age from 2 to 13 years, including twins. Darby said he was hopelessly devoted to all of them. The twins and a 6-year-old lived with Cunningham, his father, 35-year-old Antonio Davis, and Darby. Davis and Darby work for Metro — he in rail operations, she in maintenance, the couple said. Two of Cunningham's sisters live with their mother in Montgomery County, Md., family members said.

Darby said Cunningham played with his sisters, took the 6-year-old to wait for the city bus to take her to school and, if one of his sisters called him from Maryland and needed help, he would drop everything, jump on a Metro and head right there.

Darby said Cunningham was contemplating college but hadn't decided if that's what he wanted. In addition to Jersey Mike's, she said, he worked under the mayor's summer job program, learning entrepreneurship, and wanted to someday open his own boxing gym.

He dressed to impress — Balenciaga shoes and Purple brand jeans — his hair trimmed to perfection. "He wanted to present himself well," Darby said. Cunningham turned 17 in August, and for his birthday, his family said, he chose a dinner at a pan-Asian restaurant at National Harbor, taking along his twin sisters and a friend, followed by a concert at Capital One Arena.

In an interview, Darby noted the spike in violent crime in D.C. and said she had a message for the mayor and police chief: "Please help our youth."

Lauren Lumpkin contributed to this report.

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To fight violence, Howard needs to help its community, too

MILLOY FROM B1

The university's search for answers continues, school officials say, and security issues are being addressed.

For instance, some of the students who were attacked said that when a security person contracted by Howard was asked for help, he did nothing. That security person and a campus police lieutenant were fired. Security guards are now posted at student housing facilities 24/7, school officials said.

Also, D.C. police were on the scene in time to break up the fight and arrest one juvenile for possessing a firearm. But the fights resumed, twice, while officers were still on the scene, and no other arrests were made.

Why not?

"It's a complex situation," Dubroy said. "We have primarily Black students on campus. Can you imagine what it is like for the [D.C. police] because they are dealing with mostly 14-year-olds who are Black, and if they start arresting 14-year-olds who are involved in the fighting and there is no context for media or the public, it will seem that the police are overreaching."

Maybe that is a valid concern.

Then there are the many videos of the fights that were posted on social media. In some of them, D.C. police officers, some of whom were White, just looked on while juvenile members of the fight club danced around smoking what appeared to be marijuana.

"So, it looks as if the police are not doing anything," Dubroy said, "but because we have a relationship with the police, we understand the complexity of what is going on and how difficult it would be for them to make an arrest."



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Howard University freshman Edmoni Jackson practices defense techniques with Cpl. Nicholas Griffith during a self-defense demonstration during a safety fair on campus last month.

But during the fight, three students were pummeled. A fourth was knifed in the back and severely wounded.

"We won't tolerate our students being bullied," Dubroy said.

Then what should police do the next time the fight club goes on a rampage?

The university will contact troubled youth who live near the school and try to help them, Dubroy said.

"Part of our existence is to serve our local community," she said. "We have to ask ourselves why these juveniles are doing what it is they do. Why are they involved in a fight club? Why are they not in school? Where are the parents? Are they getting the social services they need?"

While campus police work to protect the students, university social workers will be working with children in the community, she said. "We are tackling this from a dual perspective of care," Dubroy said, determined to help "even the kids who assailed our students."

From its founding days, Howard scholars set a high bar for community service, especially in law, medicine and the social sciences. The esteemed professor Kelly Miller introduced the study of sociology at Howard in 1895 and later established the subject as a department with a mission "to prepare students to analyze, transform, and overcome conditions of oppression, exploitation and injustice."

The answers to many of the questions that university officials ask today are already answered — by Miller and sociologist E. Franklin Frazier, who was mentored by W.E.B. Du Bois and became chairman of Howard's sociology department in the mid-1930s.

Both brought academic rigor to bear in crushing pseudoscientific support of "biological determinism" and "black inferiority" that proliferated in the early 20th century. One need not waste time looking for some "crime gene" in Black youth to explain their behavior. No such thing exists. What the research of Miller, Frazier and other Howard sociologists such as Robert Staples and Andrew Billingsley shows is how poverty, racism, substandard housing and poor diet can create the very behaviors that have so many people on edge — at Howard and throughout the city.

The uprooting of people through gentrification; creating homelessness and feelings of alienation; the extreme racial wealth gap among people who live in proximity; the loss of educational and employment opportunities as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and the resulting anger — these are nothing new. It's just that the problems have been allowed to fester, to get worse and worse.

Those fortunate enough not to have experienced such hardships sometimes lack empathy and, when young, may be prone to ridicule. University officials say they have found no proof of students being involved in instigating the trouble, adding that only those who were there know the truth.

But there is a history of conflict between "town and gown" at Howard.

The school draws plenty of students from affluent suburban Black households throughout the country. What they think they know about Black youth from low-income urban neighborhoods comes from watching TV.

Instead of modeling good character and showing a willingness to help uplift others — like a member of the "Talented Tenth," as Du Bois would say — some may come to Howard showing off new outfits and looking down their noses at people who live in nearby public housing, what Frazier called the superficial Black bourgeoisie.

Such interactions can light a fuse that may burn throughout a school year, only to erupt when students arrive for a new semester driving their parents' car.

Nonetheless, violence has no place on Howard's campus. There should be no need for a relay of security officers providing safe passage across the Yard. And neither can police stand by and watch in the event of trouble, no matter how young the assailant.

"I need to remind our community of who our students are," said Lyles, the campus police chief. "If you come and you hurt us, you're hurting yourself because our students are the future leaders."

On the other hand, if that is true, then there will be no need for police to remind the community; for the students, by the way they carry themselves, will be all the proof that is required.

THE DISTRICT

Infowars host sentenced to two months in jail for actions during Jan. 6 riot

Shroyer 'did play a role' by encouraging crowd at Capitol, judge says

BY SPENCER S. HSU

Infowars host Owen Shroyer, who federal prosecutors said "helped create January 6" by lacing 2020 election conspiracy theories with calls for violence to a large internet following, was sentenced Tuesday to two months in jail after joining a mob of angry Donald Trump supporters during the riot at the U.S. Capitol.

U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Kelly of D.C. handed down the punishment after an hour-plus hearing, saying that on Jan. 6, 2021, "Mr. Shroyer was not merely at the building, but he also did play a role in amping up the crowd on the steps that day," leading chants of "1776!" through a megaphone near Infowars founder Alex Jones on the east side of the Capitol.

Kelly noted that virtually alone among more than 1,100 riot defendants charged, Shroyer trespassed on restricted Capitol grounds in violation of a prior court stay-away order for disruptive conduct at the Capitol. He added: "I'm not sure that he has disavowed in general what happened on Jan. 6 in any way for me to give him extra credit for remorse."



JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP

Infowars host Owen Shroyer, right, with his attorney Norm Pattis, speaks to reporters outside the federal courthouse in D.C.

Addressing the court seeking probation, the 33-year-old host of "The War Room with Owen Shroyer" said he voluntarily turned over his phone and electronic devices to investigators, underwent a lengthy interview with prosecutors and fully complied with more than two years of presentence supervision.

"I was fully transparent and honest. And I'm glad I was to show that I was not part of any larger plan for illegal activity or violence that day," Shroyer said. He asked Kelly to consider his role as a journalist but admitted that he "should have sought permission" from his employer. "I did not," he said.

Shroyer's case raised a potential First Amendment issue, defense attorney Norm Pattis said, adding that he would appeal. Shroyer was unusual among riot defendants because unlike others who said their actions were influenced by media or online presenters, he was one of those influencers. Shroyer did not enter the Capitol, but he pleaded guilty on June 23 to one count of trespassing on restricted grounds after previously denying wrongdoing.

Investigators were interested in Shroyer's communications because according to the House Jan. 6 committee, he was in frequent text communication between Jan. 4 and Jan. 6 with three Proud Boys leaders convicted this spring of seditious conspiracy: Henry "Enrique" Tarrio, Ethan Nordean and Joe Biggs, a former Infowars employee. All three were sentenced in the past two weeks, with Tarrio receiving 22 years, the stiffest punishment handed down to a Jan. 6 defendant.

At Shroyer's sentencing hearing, Pattis — who also represents Biggs and Alex Jones — repeated that Shroyer was not part of any larger plot, that Alex Jones has not been charged because he was recorded on video appearing to try to divert a crowd away from the building, and that Shroyer alone among the group walking with Jones was charged and pleaded guilty because he was under court order not to enter Capitol grounds.

Still, Pattis called prosecutors' request for jail time "chilling," saying in a court filing that they sought to "criminalize dissent" through "imprisonment based largely on what Mr. Shroyer said on, during and after the riot."

"In [a] case involving core First Amendment activities, the Court can and must draw a line the Government cannot cross," Pattis wrote.

In court he added, "Jail for '1776!'? That's King George II or III, not Judge Kelly."

Kelly made clear that Shroyer was not prosecuted for his political views or statements, such as saying that the 2020 election was stolen, noting that "any American has the right to believe and say things against all evidence."

However, the judge said, "nothing you're being prosecuted for and nothing about your conduct that day was about being a journalist," and all the Constitution's protections for the rights to free speech, protest, petition and elections did not extend to joining a mob "using violence and the threat of violence" to prevent Congress from performing its duty to affirm the 2020 election results and maintain the peaceful transfer of power.

The law allows prosecutors to use a defendant's statements against him at sentencing, and Shroyer's prosecution argued that his statements and actions called out for deterrence through incarceration.

In a sentencing memo, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Troy A. Edwards Jr. and Kimberly Paschall sought a four-month prison term, saying that Shroyer and others drove an angry mob to Washington and "cannot light a fire near a can of gasoline, and then express concern or disbelief when it explodes."

Prosecutors said that Infowars "drastically amplified his thinly veiled calls to violence on January 6th" and that Shroyer "spread election disinformation paired with violent rhetoric to hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of viewers."

Afterward, Shroyer continued to spread baseless claims that Trump won the 2020 election and will win next year unless there is fraud. He also told followers that they "should be proud" of events that day that led to multiple deaths, injured scores of police, and caused $3 million in damage and an evacuation of lawmakers and staff.

"This defendant needs to be deterred from returning to commit specifically this type of conduct ever again," prosecutors said.

Shroyer in January 2021 was under supervision for a pending 2020 misdemeanor case in D.C. Superior Court, which resulted from his disruption of a December 2019 House impeachment hearing by live-streaming himself heckling and accusing Democratic lawmakers of "treason." Shroyer signed a deferred prosecution agreement in which that case would be dropped if he performed 32 hours of community service and did not engage in disorderly conduct on restricted Capitol grounds for a certain period, a span that had not lapsed before the Capitol breach.

MARYLAND

Project helps people with disabilities in houses of worship

Baltimore-area initiative seeks to make religious spaces more inclusive

BY ANGELA ROBERTS

The first time Rabbi Joanne Yocheved Heiligman attended service at Shalom Aleichem, a synagogue in Columbia, Md., her three young children were on their absolute worst behavior.

Her children, ages 3, 5, and 7, and all on the autism spectrum, sprinted around the synagogue, pulling the slats out of the vertical blinds and leaving their mother feeling embarrassed.

Heiligman couldn't leave fast enough. But a few weeks later, she got a call from Shalom Aleichem's president, who asked her if she'd like to interview to be the synagogue's rabbi. She was shocked. The congregation hadn't rejected her family after all, she realized. Rather, she had been projecting her own feelings onto the worshipers.

"Give people a chance to accept you," said Heiligman, who was a rabbi for Shalom Aleichem for 17 years. "Don't assume that they will reject you. If they reject you, you'll know soon enough."

To help religious leaders make their houses of worship more welcoming to people with disabilities and their families, the Kennedy Krieger Institute's Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities recently launched the Faith Community Learning Collaborative. The group aims to provide training to faith leaders and foster conversation between them and people with disabilities and their advocates about how to lower the barriers to participation in religious spaces.

Accessibility and inclusion are about more than installing a ramp for wheelchair users, said Mirian Ofonedu, director of training for the Kennedy Krieger center and creator of the project. They're about addressing negative attitudes and biases around disability that may exist in a congregation and ensuring that people with disabilities and their families know they can "come as they are" to worship.

"We are all called to know God, but more importantly, to experience God," Ofonedu said. "How people with disabilities go about experiencing God is often socially stigmatized. An inclusive community, where people with disabilities fully participate, is a sign of God's presence and love in that community."

Last summer, two years after the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities launched the project, it conducted a survey of more than 255 faith leaders and people with disabilities and their families in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health's Office of Faith Based and Community Partnerships and the Faith Community Commission of the Governor's Commission on Suicide Prevention.

The results showed that few people with disabilities or their family members held leadership positions in their faith communities and highlighted the need for training for faith leaders on how to connect with people who have disabilities in their congregations. Comments submitted with the survey revealed that people with disabilities and their families had experienced feeling isolated, rejected and excluded by faith communities.

When a child is diagnosed with a disability, their parents often turn to their faith leaders and communities for support and guidance, Ofonedu said. To be greeted with a shut door instead can be discouraging, she said.

"Everyone deserves the right to belong and fully participate and engage in meaningful activity within their community," she said.

Heiligman, who is now a rabbi for the Bet Chaverim Congregation in Columbia, shared her story Thursday evening during an event organized by Rabbi Yanky Baron, the director of the Chabad of Ellicott City. Baron, as well as Deacon David Lascu of Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore's Bolton Hill and Eva Queen of Reisterstown's Messiah Community Church, were among the faith leaders who participated in the Faith Community Learning Collaborative's first two-day training this spring.

The panel discussion, hosted at a senior center in Ellicott City, covered such topics as how to include people with developmental disabilities in services and the importance of asking whether accommodations are needed. It also featured Rabbi Craig Axler of Temple Isaiah in Fulton and Matthew Plantz, a self-advocate and member of the Howard County Autism Society board of directors.

To help make the event more accessible to people who are hard of hearing, Baron hired an American Sign Language interpreter — something he hopes to do at future Chabad events, as well. The religious center has been offering shorter services that may be better for people who have challenges sitting through a three-hour service, such as those with ADHD or children with disabilities.

"Just provide it. Don't assume that people will want it one way or another," he said. "If people don't know that it's an option — if you put out a flier and you don't mention how we can accommodate you or how we can find you transportation — in today's world, no one's going to ask you for it. They're just going to assume it's not provided."

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THE REGION

Thousands of miles from epicenter, Moroccans pitch in

Heartbreak, guilt mix as community organizes supplies for survivors

BY JOE HEIM



BELKACEM NAHI

A street in Amizmiz, Morocco, one of the areas hit hardest by Friday's earthquake. Using social media, D.C.-area Moroccans and Moroccan-Americans have created a list of items to purchase and expect to send a small shipment to survivors overseas this week.

Belkacem Nahi lives in Northern Virginia, but on Tuesday afternoon he found himself walking through the rubble-strewn streets of Amizmiz, Morocco, a small town south of Marrakesh, not far from the epicenter of the devastating 6.8-magnitude earthquake that hit the country late Friday night.

Homes had been leveled. Businesses destroyed. The smell of death was in the air.

“Psychologically, it’s heavy,” Nahi said in a telephone interview. “You see a kid who lost both parents. Or a husband who lost a wife and a kid. It’s just a very, very sad situation.”

Amizmiz was not where Nahi expected to be this week. He was on vacation visiting relatives in Casablanca when the quake struck. There was some damage there, but it wasn’t until the next day that the extent of the destruction elsewhere in the country became apparent. That’s when Islamic Relief U.S., the organization Nahi works for, asked him to travel to the most heavily hit region to assess the most urgent needs.

While Nahi is now on the front lines of the relief efforts, many other Moroccans in the Washington area have spent the past few days checking on relatives back home and trying to send help in any way they can. But being nearly 4,000 miles away limits how much they can do.

“What’s hard for us is we’re not able to be there for our loved ones,” said Hasnaa Chadi, 36, an events planner who lives in Arlington. Chadi has relatives in Casablanca and friends in cities across Morocco with whom she has been in contact regularly since the disaster struck. What is needed, they tell her, are blankets and tents, flashlights and food, diapers and baby formula. Supplies to help the thousands of people now without homes survive as a rainy season approaches and provide shelter until rebuilding can begin.

Chadi and other Moroccans in the D.C. region have connected on Facebook pages and Instagram to organize efforts. They created a list of items to purchase and expect to send a small shipment of supplies this week.

“Our community here is very connected and strong, and people are just trying to help with whatever they have,” Chadi said. “So as soon as we ask for help, I feel like we do get a very big response from so many people.”

Youssef Zeroual, a Realtor who lives in Fairfax County and has relatives in Casablanca, helps run a Facebook page for Moroccans living in the Washington region. He posted an appeal for help last weekend, and the replies arrived immediately, he said.

“It’s been amazing, the response,” Zeroual said. “People are ready to give stuff, clothes, food, money.”

But Chadi acknowledged the recovery will be long and arduous.

The massive earthquake struck in the High Atlas Mountains, in central Morocco, and destroyed rural towns and villages that are difficult to reach. More than 2,800 people were killed, with many more still missing and unaccounted for. Houses and walls continue to collapse, and many roads are impassable. Schools and shops were destroyed. Even some buildings that are still standing are uninhabitable, because it’s unknown whether they are structurally sound.

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> **Belkacem Nahi,** Virginia resident and employee with Islamic Relief U.S.

The calamity in a country so close to their hearts has led to sleepless nights and even guilt about not being there in person to help out, said Hajar, 37, who lives in Northern Virginia and spoke on the condition that her last name not be used to protect her privacy. Hajar’s family in Casablanca is safe, she said, but the child of her brother’s friend was killed. She knows others who have lost their homes.

“My heart is aching,” she said, “and I’m just praying for the victims and their families, for the wounded to be healed, and for the missing to be found, and for the country to have a good recovery from such a tragedy.”

Moroccans and Moroccan-Americans in the Washington region are holding fundraisers at community centers and mosques and trying to share information about the most urgent needs for those displaced, injured or orphaned by the earthquake. The Islamic Community Center of Potomac has a large proportion of Moroccan members and is raising funds to send directly to people and aid organizations working in the affected areas, said Rumman Khan, the center’s president.

Mohamed Anas Benzari was teaching the Quran at the center Friday night when he heard the news about the earthquake. Benzari, who was born in Northern Virginia but grew up in Morocco, immediately reached out to an uncle in Marrakesh to make sure he was okay. He was.

“I’m glad that my family are safe, but I’m worried about those people who are still really in need of help,” Benzari said. “We are trying to help them as much as possible because that is our mission.” Benzari was scheduled to meet at the Moroccan Embassy in Washington with other organizations Wednesday to plan the best way to get money, medical supplies, blankets and other goods to those most in need.

As difficult as the past few days have been, Moroccans in the area expressed confidence that their country would recover from the disaster.

“I cried when I heard this news,” said Abdelziz Rhomari, 63, who owns Fettoosh, a popular Moroccan restaurant in Arlington. “Kids lost their parents. One woman lost all of her children and her husband. It is very sad.”

But Rhomari, who grew up in Rabat, said he was not despondent.

“I’m hoping this part of my country will heal very fast and get to normal,” he said. “Moroccans are very strong people, and I’m sure that we are all together and we will be together, like our king said. Together, we’re going to fight and be successful.”

OBITUARIES

EDITH GROSSMAN, 87

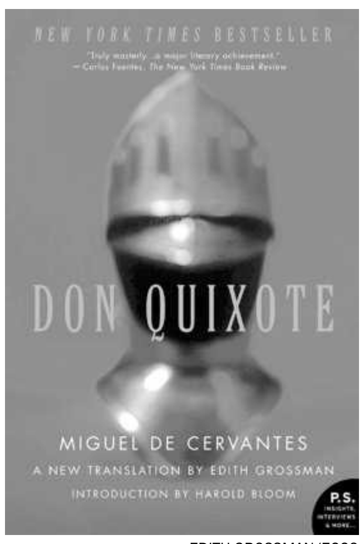
Acclaimed translator became voice for Spanish literature

BY EMILY LANGER



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Edith Grossman translated dozens of works of Spanish-language fiction, nonfiction and poetry, such as “Love in the Time of Cholera,” by Gabriel García Márquez, who said she was his “voice in English.”



EDITH GROSSMAN/ECCO

Dr. Grossman’s translation of Miguel de Cervantes’s “Don Quixote.” She insisted her name appear along with the author’s.

Edith Grossman, who made the marvels of Spanish and Latin American literature available to English readers through the alchemy of translation, an underappreciated craft that she championed as an art form in its own right, died Sept. 4 at her home in Manhattan. She was 87.

The cause was pancreatic cancer, said her stepson, Kory Grossman.

In the realm of literature, translators have traditionally been relegated to the shadows as “humble, anonymous handmaidens and men,” in Dr. Grossman’s description, toiling in the service of writers regarded as immortal greats.

Dr. Grossman, one of the foremost practitioners of her profession, was content to play no such role. Taking on such works as “Don Quixote,” she insisted that her name appear on the cover along with the author’s — Miguel de Cervantes, in the case of that 17th-century landmark of Western literature — and trumpeted the central role of translators in the world of letters.

“Nothing is ‘lost in translation,’” she once said. “Instead, people gain from translations because translations inevitably bring an injection of new possibilities.”

Dr. Grossman, who translated dozens of works of Spanish-language fiction, nonfiction and poetry over the course of her career, was by her own account an indifferent student during her upbringing in Philadelphia. But her imagination was fired by a high school Spanish teacher, who sparked her interest in the language and, eventually, the literature of Spain and Latin America.

The first major test of her powers, published by Knopf in 1988, was an English translation of “Love in the Time of Cholera” by the Colombian writer Gabriel García Márquez. When she won the assignment, beating out several other translators for the job, García Márquez had recently been awarded the Nobel Prize in literature. A master of magical realism, he was at the center of a florescence of Latin American literature.

“I thought the closest thing to it was in those large English Victorian novels, brought forward by way of Faulkner,” Dr. Grossman later told U.S. News & World Report, reflecting on the approach she took. “I didn’t use any contractions. I used long sentences.”

Novelist Thomas Pynchon, reviewing the book in the New York Times, described Dr. Grossman as “sensitively, imaginatively attuned” to García Márquez’s voice.

“My Spanish isn’t perfect,” Pynchon wrote, “but I can tell that she catches admirably and without apparent labor the swing and translucency of his writing, its slang and its classicism, the lyrical stretches and those end-of-sentence zingers he likes to hit us with. It is a faithful and beautiful piece of work.”

Perhaps the final judgment on her translation came from García Márquez himself, who turned to Dr. Grossman for translations of his subsequent novels — among them “The General in His Labyrinth,” “Of Love and Other Demons” and “News of a Kidnapping” — as well as his memoir “Living to Tell the Tale” before his death in 2014.

“You,” the author was said to have told Dr. Grossman, “are my voice in English.”

Dr. Grossman was a go-to translator for many other figures in contemporary Latin American letters, among them the Colombian-born writer Álvaro Mutis and Mayra Montero of Cuba. Peruvian Nobel laureate Mario Vargas Llosa was effusive in his praise for her 1996 translation of his novel “Death in the Andes.”

“It was something that didn’t seem to be a translation of the novel, but something that had been written originally in English,” he told the Library of Congress. “And I think this is the major achievement of a translator: to give the impression that this is not a translation, but something that has been written in the foreign language directly.”

She ventured centuries into the past to translate “Don Quixote,” the epic story of a knight errant and his trusty squire, Sancho Panza, that is often described as the first modern novel. (García Márquez, when he heard of Dr. Grossman’s undertaking, told her on the phone: “So I hear you’re two-timing me with Cervantes.”)

A dozen English translations of “Don Quixote” existed before Dr. Grossman prepared hers. The nearly 1,000-page result, published by Ecco in 2003 with a laudatory introduction by the literary critic Harold Bloom, consumed two years of her working life and was widely regarded as a masterpiece.

“This ‘Don Quixote’ can be read with the same ease as the latest Philip Roth and with much greater facility than any Hawthorne,” Mexican novelist Carlos Fuentes wrote in a Times review. “Yet there is not a single moment in which, in forthright English, we are not reading a 17th-century novel. This is truly masterly: the contemporaneous and the original co-exist.”

Dr. Grossman used her stature to elevate the importance of translation, including in a book-length manifesto, “Why Translation Matters” (2010). She called upon the publishing industry to offer the public more translations, which, she noted, for most readers offer the only way into the literature of other countries and cultures. Without translations, she argued, society would live behind an “iron curtain.”

As she spoke out on behalf of her profession, she also did so on behalf of her colleagues, challenging publishers and readers to cease thinking of them as second-class citizens in the world of letters. “Whatever else translating is,” Dr. Grossman insisted, “it is writing.”

She conceded that when, after the intercession of her lawyer, a publisher first put her name on a book cover with the author’s, she felt “uncomfortable.”

But then she was “delighted,” she told the online publication Asymptote. “I thought: It’s bloody well about time that the translator not be treated as a poor relation, that the translator is treated as an equal partner in the enterprise.”

Edith Marian Dorph was born in Philadelphia on March 22, 1936. Her father was a shoe salesman and union activist and later the proprietor of a shoe store, and her mother was a secretary and a homemaker.

Dr. Grossman studied Spanish and Spanish literature at the University of Pennsylvania, where she received a bachelor’s degree in 1957 and a master’s degree in 1959. Some of her first translations, of Spanish poems, were published in the university literary magazine.

She studied in Spain on a Fulbright fellowship before receiving a PhD in Spanish from New York University in 1972.

In the early years of her career, she wrote, she “moonlighted as a translator” while she “sunlighted as a college instructor.” By 1990, she had enough translation work to reverse the roles.

“I thought to sit at home and translate ... was more fun than playing with monkeys,” she told the London Observer in a critique of academic life. “I didn’t have to get dressed to go to work. I could smoke all I wanted. And I thought, this is perfect.”

Dr. Grossman was the recipient of many literary awards, including the 2006 PEN/Ralph Manheim Award for Translation. The work of which she was most proud, she said, was her translation of “The Solitudes,” a work of poetry by the 17th-century Spanish writer Luis de Góngora.

She found similarities between translation and marriage and counseled colleagues that, just as they should not marry someone whose company they did not enjoy, they should not translate works they did not like.

Her marriage to Norman Grossman ended in divorce. Besides her stepson, of Teaneck, N.J., survivors include a son, Matthew Grossman of Manhattan, and a sister.

Such was the depth of Dr. Grossman’s communion with Cervantes, she said, that she had come to “dearly love him.”

“I would love to have a meal with him,” she once told NPR. “I’d love to have a couple of drinks with him. I’d like to sit and chat and talk about literature and all of the other things you talk about with someone you’re really very fond of.”

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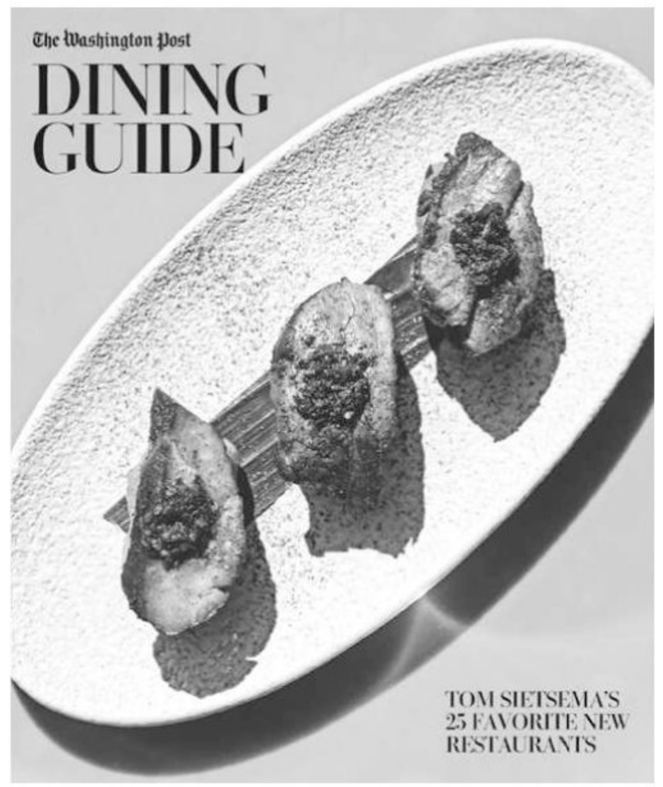
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DEATH NOTICE

BLOCH

ROBERT ELIAS BLOCH (Age 76)

Of Great Falls, VA, passed away Sunday, September 10, 2023. Predeceased in death by his father, Jerome Bloch, mother, Ann Bloch, and brother, Louis Bloch. Loving husband to Nancy Bloch; beloved father to David Bloch (Rebecca Prime) and Lisa Bloch Yafi (Samer El Yafi); adored grandfather to Dominic Bloch-Prime and Paul Bloch-Prime.

Relatives and friends may call at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland Street, Falls Church, VA 22043, Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. Interment directly following at King David Memorial Gardens, Falls Church, VA 22042. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (ushmm.org) or a charity of your choice. Please view and sign the family guestbook

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BOTELER

JOHN STANTON BOTELER

John Stanton Boteler passed to Eternal Life on September 6, 2023 at home in Olney MD. Mr. Boteler was a devoted teacher and counselor at Our Lady of Good Counsel and various Montgomery County Public Schools for over 30 years. He touched the lives of numerous students throughout his career. Many of them continuing to stay in touch with him long after graduation.

Stanton was born May 2, 1936 in Washington, DC to Bernard Lamar and Kathrine Rose Boteler. He grew up in Brookland and graduated from Gonzaga High School. He earned a bachelors degree from the University of Maryland in 1959 and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He then served in the DC National Guard, followed by attending Our Lady of Angels Seminary. He also received a bachelors degree from Niagara University and a Masters of Arts diploma from the University of Maryland. After his retirement he enjoyed traveling and served for years as a volunteer at Montgomery General Hospital, making many friends along the way.

Stanton was predeceased by his parents, brother Bernard, sister Rose Mary McAleer and step-mother Alma Boteler. Survivors include his brother Gene (Mary), sister Libby DeMattia (Tony), 16 nieces and nephews and numerous great and great-great grand nieces and nephews.

Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 18 at Our Lady of Grace Church, 15663 Norbeck Blvd., Silver Spring MD; where the Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11 a.m. Burial to follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring, MD. Donations can be made to The Little Sisters of the Poor, 4200 Harewood Rd., NE, Washington DC 20017. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Services.

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DEATH NOTICE

BROWN



THOMASINE ANITA DAY BROWN

Thomasine Anita (Day) Brown, of Forestville, MD passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, August 19, 2023. She leaves to treasure her memory, a loving and devoted husband, William Brown, Sr.; one daughter, Alicia (Brown) Simms (Kevin); two sons, Donte Day and William Brown, Jr.; one sister, Willette Day; two brothers, James Leach and Paul Leach; 10 grandchildren; and other caring relatives and friends. The family will receive visitors on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at Little Rock Church for Christ, 5030 Sheriff Road, NE, Washington, DC 20019, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., time of the funeral service. Interment: Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Suitland, MD. Arrangements by Horton Funeral Home, Washington, DC.

GARY



WILLIE ODELL GARY JR.

Entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, August 29, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Cowren M Scott; two sisters, Phyllis Coleman and Felicia Fleming; three brothers, Ronald Coleman, Kim Coleman and Reginald Coleman; a host of other relatives and friends. Mr. Gary, Jr. may be viewed at Stewart Funeral Home, 4001 Benning Rd., NE on Thursday, September 14 from 10 a.m. until service at 11 a.m. Interment at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

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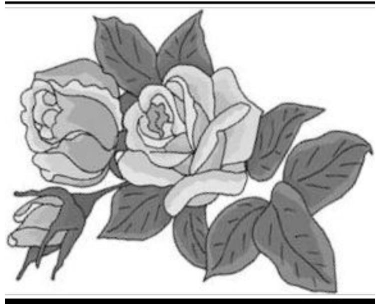
STEPHEN J. HARBOLD

The Officers and Members of Local #10, International Union of Elevator Constructors, are hereby notified of the passing of Honorary Brother Stephen J. Harbold on September 7, 2023. Members may call at Brinsfield Echols Funeral Home, 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 on Thursday, September 21, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Services will be held at Brinsfield Echols Funeral Home, 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD on Friday, September 22, 2023, at 11 a.m.

HORAN

BILLY HORAN (Age 72)

Billy Horan of Bethesda, on September 8, 2023 passed away with his family at his side. Billy is proceeded to Heaven by his Parents Buddy and Jean Horan and his brothers Joe (Kathy) and Paul (Kathy Jo). He is survived by Brothers Chris and Mike (Rebecca) as well as nine nieces and nephews and 12 great nieces and nephews. A visitation will take place at St. Jane Frances de Chantal at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023, followed by Mass at 11 a.m. Family and friends are invited back to The Knights of Columbus Rock Creek Council at 5417 W. Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD following Mass for a lunch reception.



DEATH NOTICE

KULICK

BETSY TILLMAN KULICK

Betsy Tillman Kulick passed away on September 7, 2023 after many years of battling breast cancer. She is survived by her husband Jeffrey Kulick, sons Andrew and Scott Kulick, grandson Tyler Cromartie, brother Keith Tillman, sister Barbara Tillman and many nieces, nephews, cousins and their families. A service will be held Friday, September 15, at 2:30 p.m., at Money & King Funeral Home in Vienna, Virginia. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the American Cancer Society or the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The service will be streamed and the online guestbook will be available at

www.moneyandking.com

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DEATH NOTICE

NORRIS

JOSEPH KIEFFER NORRIS (Age 99)

Joseph Kieffer Norris died peacefully at home on September 9, 2023, after a long illness. During his last hours he was surrounded by his devoted wife of 73 years, Doris Owens Norris, and family. He was a graduate of Gonzaga High School and held science degrees from George Washington University and the US Merchant Marine Academy. He was a veteran and served as a ships officer on five different tanker ships including one hazardous trip to Murmansk and Archangel, Russia, on the White Sea. He had a distinguished 28-year career as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, followed by over a decade of work as an investigator with a private agency and with the US Department of State.

Mr. Norris was the son of Dr. Cornelius L. and Caroline P. Kieffer Norris, and the brother of Cornelius L. Norris, Jr., Paulette N. McGettigan, and Caroline N. Gola. He is survived by a son Joseph K. Norris, Jr. (Janet) and a daughter Doris N. Auer (Charles), four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a granddaughter, Sarah E. Auer, in 2002. He was a long-time member of St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church and of the Jewish Community Center where he played tournament handball for many years.

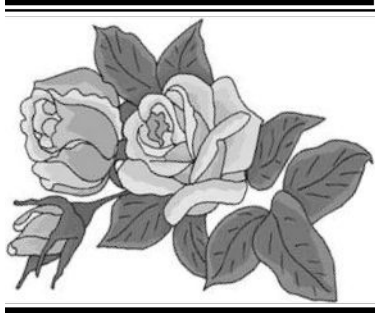
A funeral Mass will be held at St. Elizabeth's Church, 917 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD, on September 15 at 10 a.m. with a visitation preceding the Mass at 9 a.m. Interment to follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring. Memorial contributions can be made to the Sarah E. Auer Memorial Scholarship by mail (Greater Washington Community Foundation, P.O. Box 49010, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-4910. Please include Auer Fund in memo) or online (bit.ly/donateGWCF noting the Sarah E. Auer Scholarship Fund in the donation form).

Arrangements by Cole Funeral Services. Additional information and a guest book can be found at www.colefuneral.com.

SAGALL

JUDY M. SAGALL

On Tuesday, September 12, 2023, JUDY M. SAGALL of Silver Spring, MD. Beloved wife of Myron Sagall. Devoted mother of Sheri Sagall (fiancé, Matthew Knote) and Elyssa Sagall. Loving sister of Jerry (Barbara) and Larry (Sue) Miller. She is also survived by many other loving family members and friends. Graveside funeral service will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023, 2 p.m. at Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park, Clarksburg, MD. Arrangements entrusted to TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 202-541-1001.



DEATH NOTICE

SCADDEN

LAWRENCE ALLYN SCADDEN

Dr. Lawrence Allyn Scadden, known affectionately as Larry, passed away on August 29, 2023, at the age of 84 in Arlington, VA. He was born on March 16, 1939, in Los Angeles, CA, to James and Gladys Scadden. Larry was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Jim Scadden.

Larry dedicated his career to serving others and contributed significantly to the fields of science and disability rights throughout the world. He retired as a Program Officer for the National Science Foundation, where he played a vital role in advancing scientific research for persons with disabilities. Additionally, he assisted in the writing of Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, ensuring equal access and opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Outside of his career, Larry had a passion for reading, traveling and spending quality time with his family. He cherished moments with his spouse of 53 years, Sonia (Cheli) Scadden; his daughter, Deanna, her husband Matt Bailey; and his grandchildren, Tyler and Emilie Bailey.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 15, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lighthouse for the Blind and Hadley School for the Blind.

Dr. Lawrence Allyn Scadden will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched. May he rest in peace.

DEATH NOTICE

BENNETT



ROBERT STEPHEN BENNETT
"Bob"
Washington DC Criminal Defense Lawyer

Robert S. Bennett (Bob) of Washington, D.C passed away peacefully on September 10, 2023, at home surrounded by his loving family and loyal dog. Bob is survived by his wife of 54 years, Ellen, his younger brother William "Bill" Bennett, his three daughters, Catherine, Peggy, and Sarah (Sam Butcher); and six grandchildren; Ava Ellen, Grace Ellen, Robert, Charles, Carlos and Bennett. Bob was born in Bed-Stuy Brooklyn in 1939 and began his distinguished legal career in Washington, DC. While Bob is well known for his professional accomplishments it was his family that he was most proud of.

Bob was a principled, loyal, honest, witty and loving man who touched many lives. He will be greatly missed. A viewing will be held on September 16 at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral home located at 5130 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. A funeral mass will be said at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 3513 N street, NW Washington, DC on Sunday, September 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Joseph Gawler's Sons, LLC Funeral Directors

RAGLAND



JEANNINE LANGLEY RAGLAND

Jeannine Langley Ragland passed away on February 26, 2022 after a brief illness. She was married to her beloved husband Rudolf "Mickey" Ragland for 60 years until his death in 2011.

Jeannine was the oldest daughter of the late Louisa Anderson Langley and Francis R. Langley and sister of the late Raymond Langley and Francis Langley. She is survived by her sister Deloris L. Ledlow and brother in law Ronald Ledlow of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in addition to several other Langley family members.

A lifelong resident of Washington, DC and Arlington, VA areas for several decades, Jeannine worked for the US Senate as personal secretary for the late senator John Little McClellan of Arkansas, who at the time of his death was the second most senior member of the senate and chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Upon her retirement she volunteered for the American Cancer Society, and after the election of President William Clinton she volunteered within the White House confines. As a result of her volunteer work, she was able to enjoy a cordial relationship with both the President and Mrs Clinton.

On September 26, 2023 at 2:45 p.m., a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Ft. Myer Old Post Chapel. Inurnment will follow at Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium.

In Memory of Jeannine, donations can be sent to Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Post Office Box 5028, Hagerstown, Maryland 21741-5028

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DEATH NOTICE

VINCENT

LEROY VINCENT

Peacefully passed away on Wednesday, August 30, 2023. Vincent's Homegoing Celebration will be held on Friday, September 15, 10 a.m. Visitation followed by Celebration of Life at 11 a.m. at New Southern Rock Baptist Church, 750 Buchanan ST., NW. interment Maryland National Cemetery. Send condolences to

www.marshallmarchfh.com

DEATH NOTICE

BURKE



DELLA M. BURKE

Was called home to eternal paradise on Friday, September 1, 2023.

Della Mae Antoinette Entzminger was born in Columbia, SC on January 25, 1929, to Maceo Antonio and Della Mae Jenkins Entzminger. She is preceded in death by her husband Ralph, her sister Harriet Bartelle, her parents, and many cousins. Left to mourn her passing, are her sons, Ronnie, as she called him (Jennell), Maceo, grandchildren, Cheyenne and Ronald W (Took), Jennell's mother Joyce, and host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She will be missed by many others.

Homegoing services will be on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 7005 Piney Branch Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20012. Viewing will be at 11 a.m. and the service will begin at 12 noon. Interment: Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements by McGuire.

www.mcguire-services.com

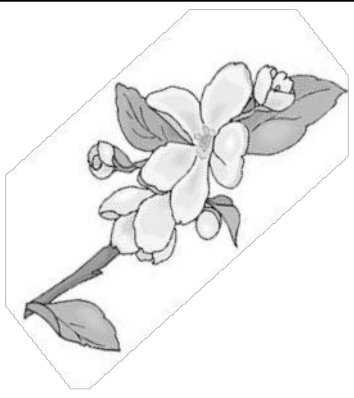
MACKAY



WILLIAM YANCY MACKAY

William Yancy Mackay died on September 1, 2023 in Gainesville, VA. Born in 1963 to Bob and Opal Mackay, Yancy accompanied his parents on their numerous foreign postings. He graduated from Fairfax High School in 1982 and was a staunch Republican throughout his life.

Complications during Yancy's birth resulted in a severe case of cerebral palsy. While his mind was unimpaired, his life was full of frustrations and unmet aspirations. His parents nonetheless doted on him for five decades until their own capacities failed. Their herculean efforts resulted in a life for Yancy rich with travel and wonderful experiences. Yancy is survived by his brother Robin and sister Jeri, four nieces and nephews and many beloved relatives in Tennessee and Mississippi. Services will be held at a later date.



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(PER DAY)

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4" - $555
5" - $700

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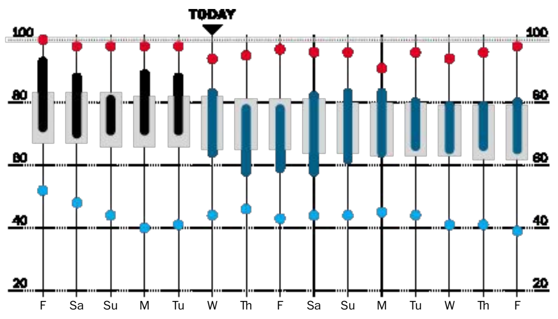
Sunshine may break through late

It will be a bit humid to start, with temperatures in the upper 70s and low 80s. Showers and even a storm are possible, with probability highest around midday and the afternoon as a cold front nears. Sunshine prospects will improve with time, with drier air moving in during the afternoon.

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Shower	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny
83° 64°	78° 58°	78° 59°	82° 58°	83° 62°	83° 64°
FEELS*: **83°**	FEELS: **80°**	FEELS: **79°**	FEELS: **83°**	FEELS: **82°**	FEELS: **83°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **80%**	P: **0%**	P: **0%**	P: **5%**	P: **25%**	P: **15%**
WIND: **NNW 6–12 mph**	W: **NNW 7–14 mph**	W: **NNE 7–14 mph**	W: **NW 7–14 mph**	W: **WSW 4–8 mph**	W: **W 7–14 mph**
HUMIDITY: **High**	H: **Low**	H: **Low**	H: **Low**	H: **Moderate**	H: **Moderate**

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Temperatures

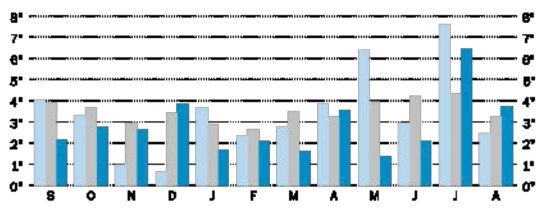


Statistics through 5 p.m. Tuesday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**88°** 3:48 p.m.	**91°** 4:00 p.m.	**87°** 3:52 p.m.
Low	**71°** 5:01 a.m.	**65°** 7:00 a.m.	**67°** 2:31 a.m.
Normal	82°/66°	81°/60°	81°/60°
Record high	98° 2019	95° 2019	97° 2019
Record low	41° 1917	40° 1967	43° 1967

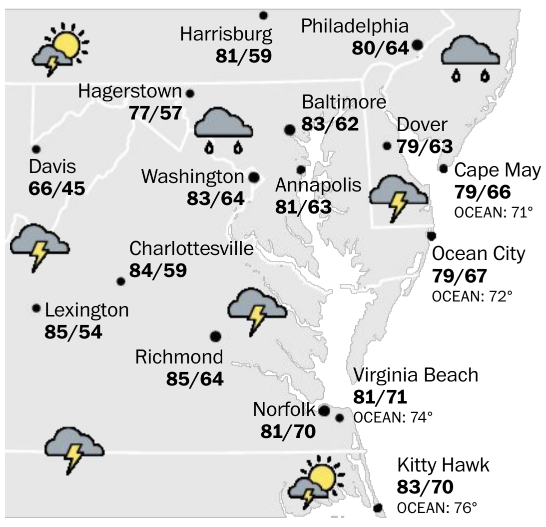
Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **+5.6°** yr. to date: **+2.0°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	1.30"	2.69"	2.78"
Normal	1.54"	1.48"	1.68"
Total this year	23.79"	21.91"	27.68"
Normal	29.45"	30.70"	31.46"

REGION



Pollen: High

Grass	Low
Trees	Low
Weeds	Moderate
Mold	High

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Moderate
4 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, cloudy. A thunderstorm in central parts; a shower in spots elsewhere. High 66 to 70. Winds northwest 6–12 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, except partly cloudy in southern parts. Low 51 to 55. Winds north 4–8 mph. Thursday, sunshine.

Atlantic beaches: Today, mostly cloudy, humid, a heavy thunderstorm. High 77 to 84. Winds south–southwest 6–12 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, humid. A couple of thunderstorms in the north; a thunderstorm in the south. Low 65 to 70. Winds northwest 6–12 mph.

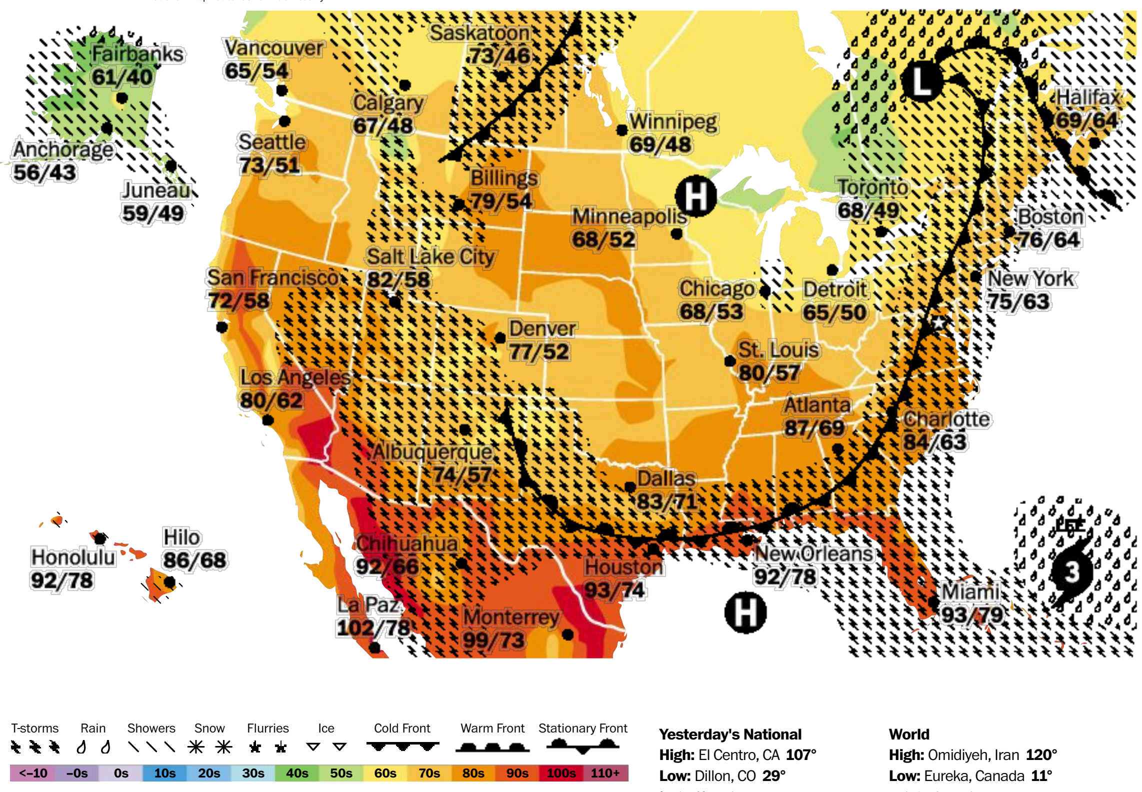
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, clouds breaking for partly sunny, a shower in spots. Wind northwest 4–8 knots. Waves 0–1 foot. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, cloudy, a stray thunderstorm. Wind west 6–12 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.70 feet today, rising to 2.90 Thursday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	2:13 a.m.	**7:50 a.m.**	2:47 p.m.	**8:19 p.m.**
Annapolis	**5:04 a.m.**	11:22 a.m.	**5:07 p.m.**	11:07 p.m.
Ocean City	1:19 a.m.	**7:04 a.m.**	1:13 p.m.	**7:30 p.m.**
Norfolk	3:15 a.m.	**9:22 a.m.**	3:21 p.m.	**9:33 p.m.**
Point Lookout	**1:01 a.m.**	7:41 a.m.	**1:15 p.m.**	7:12 p.m.

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



Yesterday's National
High: El Centro, CA **107°**
Low: Dillon, CO **29°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Omidiyeh, Iran **120°**
Low: Eureka, Canada **11°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	73/54/t	72/51/s
Albuquerque	74/57/t	78/57/t
Anchorage	56/43/c	52/44/sh
Atlanta	87/69/t	83/67/s
Austin	91/70/pc	96/74/t
Baltimore	83/62/pc	80/57/s
Billings, MT	79/54/s	74/52/t
Birmingham	87/69/c	84/66/pc
Bismarck, ND	75/55/pc	74/49/t
Boise	83/54/s	84/58/s
Boston	76/64/sh	75/59/pc
Buffalo	67/52/c	66/50/pc
Burlington, VT	71/57/t	69/54/pc
Charleston, SC	86/72/t	85/66/t
Charleston, WV	75/52/pc	73/49/s
Charlotte	84/63/t	79/57/s
Cheyenne, WY	75/49/t	64/48/t
Chicago	68/51/pc	73/53/s
Cincinnati	75/52/pc	74/53/s
Cleveland	66/54/c	65/52/s
Dallas	83/71/t	78/70/t
Denver	77/52/t	70/51/t
Des Moines	77/52/s	80/56/s
Detroit	65/50/pc	68/51/s
El Paso	89/65/t	93/66/s
Fairbanks, AK	61/40/pc	56/41/c
Fargo, ND	73/57/pc	75/54/s
Hartford, CT	74/57/t	74/53/s
Honolulu	92/78/sh	92/78/sh
Houston	93/74/t	88/74/t
Indianapolis	74/51/pc	76/52/s
Jackson, MS	85/69/t	91/70/c
Jacksonville, FL	89/72/t	86/70/t
Kansas City, MO	80/54/s	81/56/s
Las Vegas	94/76/s	93/74/s
Little Rock	82/65/pc	84/62/c
Los Angeles	80/62/pc	77/63/s
Louisville	79/56/pc	78/54/s
Memphis	83/62/pc	83/59/pc
Miami	93/79/t	93/79/t
Milwaukee	64/51/pc	69/55/s
Minneapolis	68/52/s	81/60/s
Nashville	83/57/pc	82/56/s
New Orleans	92/78/t	90/76/pc
New York City	75/63/t	74/59/s
Norfolk	81/70/t	79/66/pc
Oklahoma City	77/63/c	72/61/r
Omaha	81/54/s	81/58/s
Orlando	92/76/t	91/75/t
Philadelphia	80/64/t	76/58/s
Phoenix	97/79/t	102/80/s
Pittsburgh	70/50/pc	69/47/s
Portland, ME	74/63/t	73/51/pc
Portland, OR	79/55/pc	87/57/s
Providence, RI	77/65/t	76/58/pc
Raleigh, NC	88/65/t	82/57/pc
Reno, NV	85/58/s	84/56/s
Richmond	85/64/t	80/58/s
Sacramento	93/59/s	90/57/s
St. Louis	80/57/s	80/56/s
St. Thomas, VI	94/81/pc	93/81/pc
Salt Lake City	82/58/pc	80/55/c
San Diego	74/66/pc	74/67/s
San Francisco	72/58/pc	72/59/pc
San Juan, PR	97/82/pc	95/80/t
Seattle	73/51/pc	75/53/s
Spokane, WA	75/53/pc	79/54/s
Syracuse	71/55/pc	65/51/pc
Tampa	93/78/s	93/77/s
Wichita	80/59/pc	77/61/c

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	71/58/sh	71/57/sh
Amsterdam	67/49/pc	68/51/pc
Athens	86/68/s	87/71/pc
Auckland	63/52/pc	63/54/pc
Baghdad	112/82/pc	106/76/pc
Bangkok	92/81/t	92/81/t
Beijing	81/62/pc	82/62/pc
Berlin	72/49/r	70/48/s
Bogota	71/50/sh	71/49/c
Brussels	68/52/pc	70/53/s
Buenos Aires	61/49/c	66/55/pc
Cairo	91/76/s	90/75/s
Caracas	83/65/t	81/67/t
Copenhagen	66/53/pc	66/52/pc
Dakar	93/81/pc	93/80/s
Dublin	62/51/c	64/52/pc
Edinburgh	62/53/c	64/49/pc
Frankfurt	76/57/pc	73/54/s
Geneva	70/58/sh	74/58/sh
Ham., Bermuda	88/79/c	87/79/r
Helsinki	68/51/sh	62/42/pc
Ho Chi Minh City	92/78/r	89/78/t
Hong Kong	88/79/pc	87/79/sh
Islamabad	98/78/pc	97/77/pc
Istanbul	82/64/s	82/65/s
Jerusalem	78/63/s	83/61/s
Johannesburg	65/43/s	72/54/s
Kabul	91/65/s	90/64/s
Kingston, Jam.	94/81/t	94/81/t
Kolkata	91/82/t	90/81/t
Kyiv	82/57/pc	78/58/pc
Lagos	84/76/t	88/76/t
Lima	71/67/c	72/66/c
Lisbon	85/67/s	87/66/s
London	71/55/pc	74/55/c
Madrid	82/62/s	83/63/pc
Manila	90/78/r	90/79/t
Mexico City	82/56/s	84/58/s
Montreal	70/54/sh	64/51/c
Moscow	67/47/s	68/47/s
Mumbai	90/80/sh	91/81/sh
Nairobi	76/58/t	80/57/c
New Delhi	93/82/pc	93/81/t
Oslo	64/43/pc	59/51/sh
Ottawa	70/49/c	62/46/pc
Paris	74/56/pc	76/58/pc
Prague	77/55/t	70/48/s
Rio de Janeiro	88/75/s	85/67/pc
Riyadh	110/85/pc	111/85/s
Rome	83/65/pc	82/66/pc
San Salvador	89/71/t	89/70/t
Santiago	61/44/pc	70/44/c
Sarajevo	88/56/c	82/55/sh
Seoul	75/67/r	86/70/pc
Shanghai	87/75/r	83/74/sh
Singapore	91/81/t	90/80/c
Stockholm	59/41/sh	56/40/pc
Sydney	72/53/s	76/57/s
Taipei City	97/76/pc	98/76/pc
Tehran	94/72/s	93/67/s
Tokyo	89/77/pc	90/79/pc
Toronto	68/49/c	67/47/pc
Vienna	85/62/t	72/53/r
Warsaw	85/61/pc	71/47/pc

Moon Phases

Sep 14	Sep 22	Sep 29	Oct 6
New	First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:47 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Moon	5:13 a.m.	7:03 p.m.
Venus	3:57 a.m.	5:18 p.m.
Mars	8:30 a.m.	8:10 p.m.
Jupiter	9:39 p.m.	11:27 a.m.
Saturn	6:38 p.m.	5:24 a.m.

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Centralized Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); airnow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service

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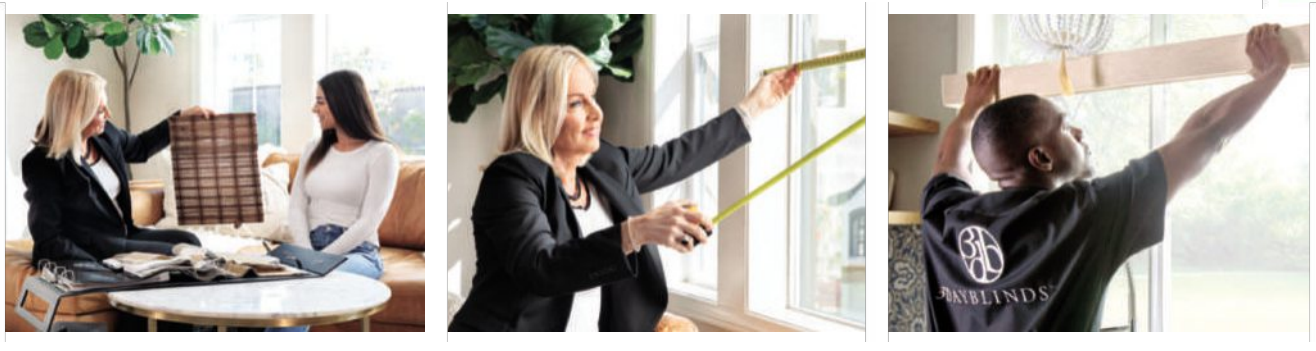
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WASHINGTON IS FULL OF RATS. THESE DOGS ARE HAPPY TO HELP WITH THAT.

STORY BY MAURA JUDKIS
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Editor's note: This story contains descriptions and images of dogs hunting rats that could upset some readers.

The sound of a rat screaming in the jaws of a terrier is the same sound that a stuffed squeaky toy makes.

It seems so obvious. Of *course* the toys sound that way, because that sound awakens something deep in a docile dog's neurons that says: *Shake it. Shake it till it's dead.*

It's Saturday night. Flavia and Jigs, a duo of mother-daughter border terriers, are shaking a rat. It is already dead. On one side of the alley wall in a tony part of Northwest Washington, young people are drinking espresso martinis. On the other, a rogue group of dog owners is taking the city's rat problem into their own hands, and their dogs' mouths.

"Drop it," says Susan Storey, the owner of the border terriers. "It's dead now. Drop."

"Who's got gloves on?" asks Linda Freeman, the ringleader of the Ratscallions, a rat-hunting band of dogs and their owners.

"Who's got the rat bag?" says Bill Reyna, a New York rat hunter who has traveled here with his rat terrier named Centauri.

The rat bag is a black garbage bag that the Ratscallions tote around in a wagon, along with a first-aid kit and water for their dogs. After a dog kills a rat, a member of the group will put on latex gloves, pick up the rat corpse by its tail, and put it in a bag, which, by the end of this particular night — after they have journeyed to a spot they have nicknamed "Hell's Alley" — will contain 32 other bodies. Ratscallion tradition is to pose for a trophy photo behind the pile of their kills.

But before anyone can pick up this one, Freeman's Bedlington terrier swoops in for one last shake.

"Callie!" she yells. Flavia comes back for another shake, too.

"We usually don't let them play with the rat for that long," says Freeman, finally extricating it from the dogs' jaws. "But these two are just so excited."

Washington has a rat problem. During the earliest months of the pandemic, the rodent population dispersed as restaurants shut down and office workers stayed home. But when people and their trash came back into the public sphere, so did the rats — with a vengeance. As of July, there had been nearly 11,000 service-request calls to the city this year regarding rat infestations, according to the D.C. Department of Health. There were approximately 13,000 calls for the entirety of 2022.

The city does not provide rat-abatement measures inside businesses or private property. But when someone reports an outdoor infestation, workers try to address it using two methods, says Gerard Brown, who oversees rodent control at D.C. Health: They will fill their burrows with carbon monoxide to suffocate them, and they will spray a poisonous tracking powder that gets on a rat's fur and is ingested when they groom themselves.

The dogs are not a part of its rat regiment, says Brown, adding: "The department does not support, participate in or endorse the hunting and killing of rats with dogs."

Most of the Ratscallions own terriers, a category of dogs that was historically bred to hunt small mammals. Freeman, the ringleader, is a breeder of Bedlingtons, and her dogs are

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Jax, a Patterdale terrier, holds a rat he killed in Northwest Washington in July. Jax's owner is part of a group that takes dogs to hunt rats in Washington.

Is wanting older female politicians to retire sexist?

Monica Hesse

Last week, Politico published an article about Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) in which the former House speaker was asked, predictably, whether her home state's 90-year-old senior senator, Dianne Feinstein, should step down. Showing "evident irritation," Pelosi told the reporter that there was a sexist double standard when it came to assessing the capability of aging politicians. "Dianne comes along and then they're making such a fuss?" she said. "Uh-uh. It's a guy thing, but that's the way the world is." Pelosi asked the reporter whether he would "ever say anything about any of those other guys, that they should leave," accusing: "You never ever wrote about them."

It was a sentiment Pelosi expressed before, in April. Feinstein had just returned to

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BY PAUL FARHI

Walter Isaacson says it was simply a misunderstanding.

In an interview with The Washington Post on Monday, the acclaimed author and journalist said that his new biography of tech billionaire Elon Musk contained a flawed account of Musk's role in thwarting a Ukrainian military strike on Russia's naval operations in Crimea last year.

Isaacson's book, "Elon Musk," was published Tuesday with the disputed reference intact. It will be corrected in subsequent editions, according to Isaacson and his publisher, Simon & Schuster. Isaacson is the author of best-selling biographies of Albert Einstein and Steve Jobs, among others.

The disputed passage concerns the timing of Musk's disabling of his Starlink satellite system over

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Delvey's ankle bracelet means Fashion Week came to her

BY MAURA JUDKIS

NEW YORK — If you can't go to Fashion Week — because, say, you're being surveilled by an electronic monitoring ankle bracelet and unable to leave your East Village apartment building — you bring Fashion Week to you. Which is how about 100 guests found themselves at Anna Delvey's apartment on Monday night for a fashion show for the designer Shao Yang, co-hosted with Kelly Cutrone, the reality TV star, fashion show publicist and producer.

Yes, *the* Anna Delvey: real name Anna Sorokin, convicted of larceny for defrauding friends and financial institutions when she famously posed as a fake heiress. After she served two years in prison, Delvey was released into home confinement

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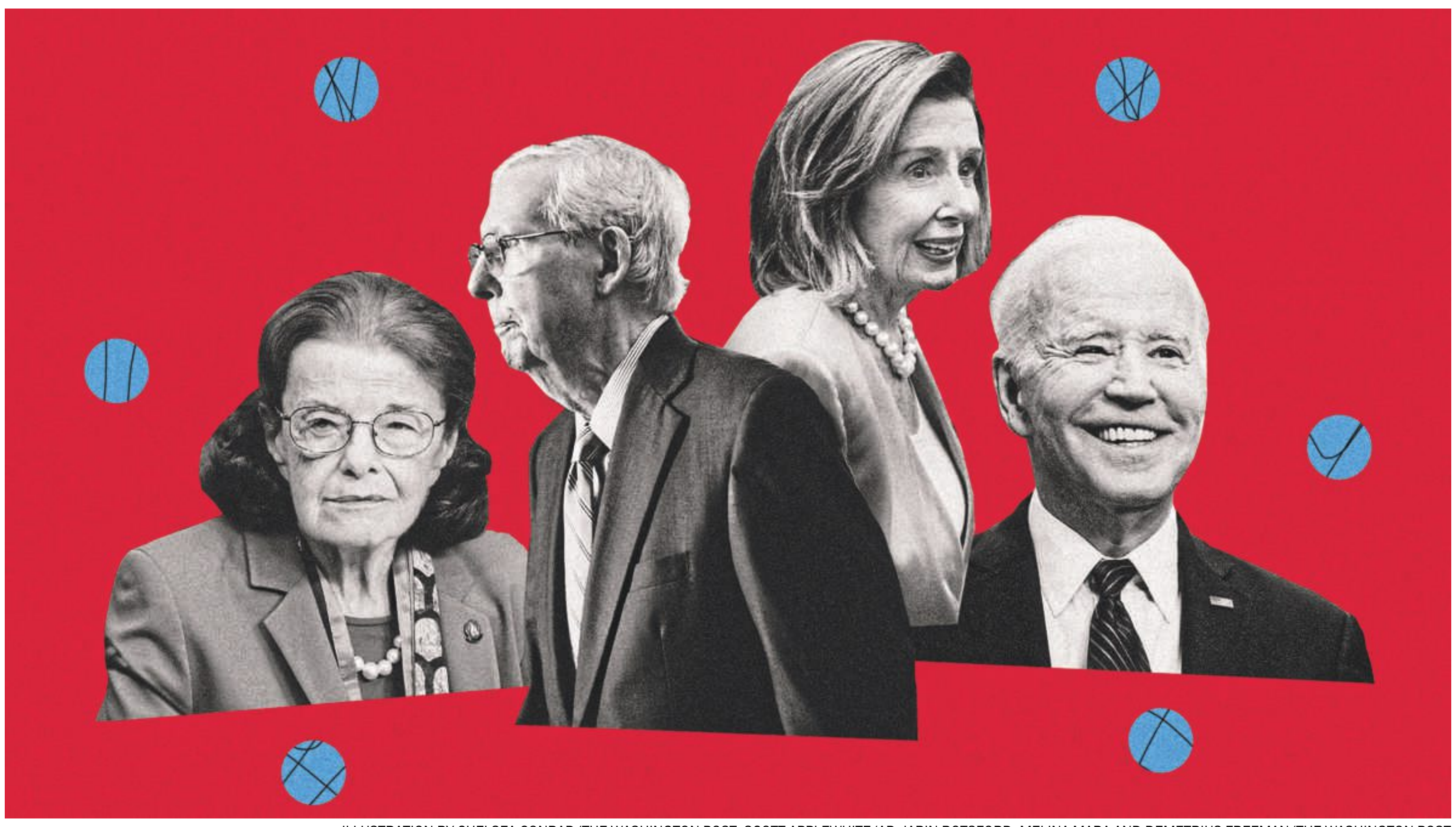


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MONICA HESSE

Don't dismiss chatter of urging politicians to retire

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the Hill after a nasty bout of shingles, which prompted coverage about whether the senator was well enough to serve. "I've never seen them go after a man … that way," Pelosi told reporters, joining a chorus of other female lawmakers, including Democratic Rep. Norma J. Torres ("When men age or get sick, they get a promotion.") and Republican Sen. Joni Ernst ("If it were a dude would they be saying you need to step down?"), who all argued that it was misogynistic to ask Feinstein to retire.

Look, there is no great way for any lawmaker to respond to a question that essentially asks them to evaluate whether an esteemed colleague is too decrepit for the job. But it was bananas to read what Pelosi answered in the same week that plenty of Americans were indeed questioning the fitness of "those other guys."

Eight days earlier, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), 81, for the second time this summer, responded to a question during a news conference by silently freezing, this time for about 20 alarming seconds while gripping his lectern. Then there was a resuscitation of speculation over whether President Biden, 80, is fit to serve his second term. In a Wall Street Journal survey, 73 percent of Americans said the phrase "too old to run for president" applied at least somewhat to Biden.

Age is a number, sure, and physical and mental acuity vary wildly from person to person. Plenty of us know sharp-as-a-tack octogenarians whom we would trust with the nuclear codes. Yet it is hard not to be concerned by McConnell gazing vacantly into the void, or by Donald Trump, 77, railing on Tucker Carlson's show, or by whatever is going on with Feinstein. After returning from her long absence, she told a reporter, "I have not been gone." Feinstein later appeared confused during a July vote, attempting to read prepared remarks while another senator and her assistants told her to just say "aye."

For years, being an aging woman, particularly an aging woman in the public eye, has been a fraught experience. My first job out of college was as an editorial assistant for AARP the Magazine. The organization was in the middle of a rebrand, and the vibe we were meant to project was boundless energy. The word "old" was seen as a pejorative. "Mature" was fine, "senior" was okay, but the most preferred term was just "older." At AARP, members got older and older but eventually died, at age 86 or 94 or 103, without ever getting old.

Nearly two decades later, we, as a society, have collectively gotten to the point where we realize that "she's too old to. . ." is a bad way to begin a sentence in most contexts (". . .wear a two-piece swimsuit/hike the Appalachian Trail/have a sex life"), and that doing so will get you rightly spammed with images of hot Helen Mirren. This is a good thing.

But if we are not going to talk about aging in negative terms, we need to find a nuanced way to think and talk about our gerontocracy. This senatorial class is now the oldest in American history, with a median age of 65 compared with a national median age of 39. And rebutting concerns about age with accusations of sexism, that ain't it.

Ageism is another matter, and I can understand why the likes of Pelosi are sensitive to that kind of bias, even in a world where old(er) women and old(er) men are equally seen as past due to hand over the keys. It seems that a useful test for everyone having this conversation would be to lose the focus on age or gender and focus instead on behavior. Is appearing confused during a vote or freezing without explanation in the middle of a news conference behavior you would accept from a 35-year-old senator? If the answer is no, then it is probably okay to wonder about it when the senator is 85.

The question is not whether someone is too old for the job; the question is whether someone is doing the job or not, serving the country or not. Pelosi is smart and practical enough to know all of this. She has been around long enough to have seen that the late Strom Thurmond's "Weekend at Bernie's" appearances on the Senate floor in the early 2000s are not something to be held up as aspirational, but something to be avoided at all costs.

Pelosi cannot possibly want that for Feinstein. At 83 herself, she has also been around long enough to think about her own fitness and legacy, her own stamina of body and soul. She announced a few days ago that she intends to seek reelection, but last year she said she would step down from her role as speaker of the House, saying it was time for a "new generation" to lead the Democratic caucus.

But the discussion about Feinstein is complicated, I think, for female lawmakers like Ernst, Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), all of whom have made comments implying that Feinstein is the victim of misogyny. It is complicated, because they might be considering their own political journeys, bushwhacking their way to a Senate that did not even have women's bathrooms until 1992 and did not even allow women to wear pants until 1993. Maybe it is not sexism now, in this particular instance. Lord knows it usually is.

Over the weekend, a taped interview aired with the California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D), who would be tasked with appointing a replacement for Feinstein, should the senator choose to resign before her term ends. Newsom said that he had admired Feinstein since he was young and that he interned with her in college. He said he could not be objective when he talked and thought about her, that he was, in fact, "the most subjective human being in the world on this topic." He said he hoped he would never be asked to fill her seat, but he would do it as his duty if asked.

It was among the more honest responses that I have seen about the Feinstein question, because it got at the parts of the conversation that are hard to figure out how to say if you are preoccupied with not sounding sexist or ageist. That part of the conversation looks like this: Nobody who admires Feinstein wants her to have to resign.

The people who admire her don't want to lose her; they want to clone her. They wish for a hundred of her, the version of her that came to Washington some 30 years ago and spoke out for domestic violence victims, for gays in the military and for women's rights. When she was elected, there were only two other women in the Senate. She famously told voters that 2 percent was fine for milk but not for representation in politics. She was magnificent.

The discussions about her potential resignation are not filled with ageism as much as they are filled with the knowledge that if we keep our older heroes too long, we will never make new ones. Not filled with sexism but with sadness.

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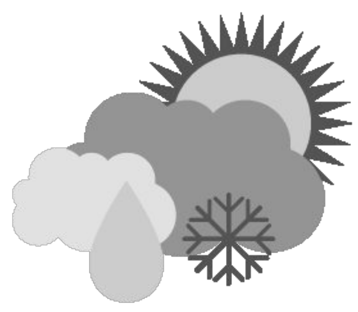
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House arrest? Not a problem for this NYFW party's host.

DELVEY FROM **C1**

under the condition that she wear the ankle bracelet and not use social media while awaiting a decision in a pending immigration case for overstaying her visa.

And, yes, *the* Kelly Cutrone: the PR maven whose name is instantly recognizable to elder millennials who watched "The Hills" on MTV in the aughts. She was the no-nonsense boss of Lauren Conrad and Whitney Port before getting her own spinoff show; she also judged "America's Next Top Model."

Together, for one night only, Delvey and Cutrone decided to form the OutLaw Agency. (Hold for applause, groans.)

"We're two very controversial people," Cutrone said in an interview the week before the show. They knew that if they partnered, they could get attention. And if they got attention, they could elevate the profile of Shao Yang, a Taiwanese-born, Brooklyn-raised designer whom Cutrone represents.

To say the gambit worked might be an understatement. There were so many photographers, so many reporters. More press than guests, really. People magazine, CNN, the "Today" Show, the New York Post. A downpour did not stop them, though it did delay the show, which was planned for the roof of Delvey's building. People waited out the rain in the pizza shop next door to Delvey's place and spilled onto the sidewalk when it reached capacity. An ice cream truck promoting DeuxMoi, an Instagram gossip account, parked outside and handed out treats.

As the rain let up, a massive party bus parked in front of Delvey's building. Cutrone and a bevy of models streamed out onto the already-clogged sidewalk, each model mugging for the photographers in Yang's genderless tailored suiting as they descended the stairs. One model carried a tiny Pomeranian with its fur dyed pink. The dog's name was Pritney — "Like Britney, with a P," her owner shouted over the din.

What was the bus like? "A lot of champagne and dancing," another model offered.

Security carried Yang, the last to emerge from the bus, over a massive puddle. A pedestrian carrying a large pack of paper towels tried in vain to make his way through the impromptu fashion show that had materialized on his block. Pritney blinked her beady eyes and took in the scene.

It was time to go up to Delvey's roof. A five-story walk-up in five-inch heels. Photographers hauling gear huffed their way up the stairs. When they got to the top and opened the door, an automatic warning sounded out in a robotic voice: "Danger zone. Keep Away."

"There's some liability issues," Cutrone acknowledged the week before the show. The roof was small, and quickly filled beyond what any fire marshal would likely consider safe. There was no railing on the roof, so anyone who stood too close to the edge risked making a bigger headline, on First Avenue. Asked in a phone interview beforehand whether her landlord had consented to the show, Delvey replied, "No comment." She added: "We're not doing anything bad. And I always clean [after] any event I've ever done."

So, yes, it was an OutLaw show. Though her guests were seated, Delvey hadn't yet made an appearance, so the crowd used the excellent lighting to take selfies. "Anna, you need to get up here right now!" said a woman in a puff dress, seemingly to no one. "We're all waiting for you." The minutes ticked by, and guests busied themselves by taking videos of the scene, which was composed of other people taking videos of the scene.

"Could you tell me what collection we're seeing?" one man asked us. "I'm a pal of Anna's. She neglected to mention who we're seeing."

Yang knew this was going to happen. She was at peace with it. "Anybody who knows me, I like to stay in the back," she told The Post a few days before the show. "I like to be behind the scenes." The stories might be mostly about Delvey and Cutrone, but the photos of her beautifully tailored clothes are paired with them, too. The 44-year-old designer is getting more attention for a debut collection than she could have ever dreamed was possible.

One of those outfits was worn by Delvey, who finally emerged onto the roof at 7:45 p.m. in a black suit with jeweled and beaded shoulders. "We are the OutLaw agency," said Cutrone by way of introduction, while Delvey stood silently beside her, "and we have no respect for the law."

The models began to emerge from the floor below, walking the narrow path between the aluminum-sided stairwell and a concrete pillar, through a cloud of cigarette smoke. It turned out to be the perfect backdrop for the clothes. Yang, a Parsons graduate, has been doing custom tailoring for years, but this is the first collection she has made under her own name. Each look was equal parts masculine and feminine: elements of corsetry, traditional men's suiting, streetwear and athleisure, in equal parts. Black and white with pops of highlighter neon yellow.

"Anybody can wear it," Yang had told us. "You could be a man or a woman, nonbinary, anywhere on the gender spectrum."

The final look was a banker-striped suit that Delvey had embellished with paint and her drawings. (She made and sold art from prison, with originals commanding as much as $25,000.)

The suit "has a couple elements of what I included in my jail drawings," Delvey said after the show. "It's pretty hard to draw on fabric."

It was Delvey and Cutrone, not Yang, who emerged to applause after the models did their final walk. The duo would spend the next 30 minutes posing for photos and taking questions.

How were they feeling?

"So happy we pulled this off," said Delvey.

What was it like working with Cutrone?

"She's nonstop," said Delvey.

What's next?

"A massage," quipped Cutrone, who noticed a model getting a little too close to the edge of the roof. "Colton, no no no, come over here."

Cutrone and Delvey posed for another set of photos. The crowd closed in, forcing the duo closer to the ledge.

"What if we both died right now?" Cutrone said, glancing at the five-story drop. "How awesome would that be?"

Delvey is interested in breaking into the fashion business. "I'd love to design something eventually," she says. "I'm kind of like, figuring everything out, trying to get off house arrest and get my social media back." A photographer asked her to lift her pant leg and show her ankle monitor. She obliged.

Yang was corralled into a photo. "It's her moment," said Cutrone, who then noticed two beams of light shooting up from Lower Manhattan. "Oh my god, let's get this in our background," Cutrone said of the Sept. 11 tribute. "Shoot us this way."

An hour and a half later, after a neighbor called in a noise complaint, two NYPD officers arrived to shut down the party. The OutLaw Agency complied.





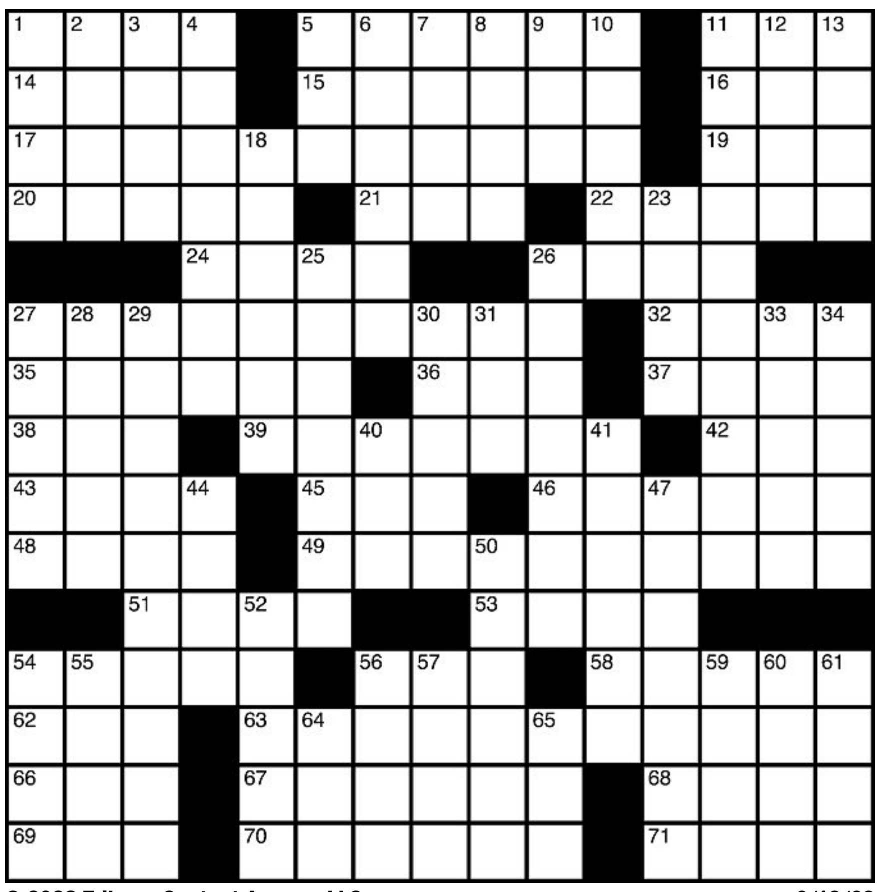


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CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: PR maven Kelly Cutrone, left, and Anna Delvey, who famously posed as a fake heiress, hosted a New York Fashion week party that featured the debut collection of Shao Yang. A model wears an outfit from Yang's collection. An attendee waits out the rain outside the party.

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By Max Schlenker



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Husband's brother made a pass at me



Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn: My husband's brother "John" has recently separated from his wife and is taking it really hard, so my husband and I decided to have him over last Sunday. It seemed as if John kept brushing past me, touching me and leaning up against me. But it was all over so quickly that I was able to dismiss it as an accident.

Then, when I was taking the meat out of the oven, he came over to smell it and had his hand on the small of my back, sliding it down to my butt. He was also rubbing his leg against mine at the dinner table. When I looked at him and shook my head, he smirked and winked at me.

Some context here: John and I dated briefly in college, but he dumped me for the woman who became his wife. I wasn't devastated by the breakup, and when his brother asked me out two years later, I thought it all worked out for the best.

I don't know whether I should tell my husband what John was doing or chalk it up to his emotional state and too much beer. My husband idolizes his older brother and would be devastated that he made a pass at me.

On the other hand, if John ever admitted he did this or if it continues, then I'm sure my husband will wonder why I didn't tell him right away.

— *Anonymous*

Anonymous: Aside from a gross-brother-in-law problem, you seem to have a freezing problem. That's when you don't say out loud to the whole table, "Stop rubbing my leg," to the guy who just winked off your subtler request that he stop rubbing your leg.

Freezing does not make you bad or wrong. Bad and wrong is what John did.

But the freeze is something you can work on, out of respect for your marriage but also, more urgently, for yourself and your own boundaries. When someone lays inappropriate claim to your body, you want a hard no at the ready. No qualms, no hesitation. It may take some time and deprogramming to move yourself from frozen to, "Get your mitts off me," but knowing it's a right and fair response to unwelcome touching is where that kind of confidence starts.

As for what to do now with John and your husband: Many days have passed since "last Sunday." If you still haven't said anything to either of them, then that's tantamount to chalking it up to devastation and beer.

Default inaction is not recommended — but an active choice not to take further action against John is a defensible decision. So is following up with him now to say you're still angry and won't respond so mildly to his wandering hands again. So is telling your husband what happened and why you waited to tell. Your body, your decision, your prerogative. After all, it's bad enough to be mauled; the last thing you need is to be handed a moral obligation on top of that to mete out justice, preemptively safeguard your spouse's feelings and presume to educate the gross.

If you stick to silence and your husband somehow finds out, wondering "why I didn't tell him right away," then give him the truth: In the moment, you froze. Afterward, you took years of non-handsy coexistence as grounds to treat this as a one-time, sad aberration from the brother he adores (and might need to rethink).

Meaning, by implication: If there's a next time, then everyone will know it. Being aware means you can prepare. Please do.

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Talking Heads dance together for the first time in 21 years

BY JADA YUAN

TORONTO — Who knew a 40-year-old concert movie playing in a multiplex could be such a happening?

Members of Talking Heads reunited onstage for the first time in 21 years — for a Q&A moderated by Spike Lee, that is. The band, which broke up acrimoniously in 1991 and hasn't appeared in public together since its 2002 induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, didn't play a single note.

They simply watched their younger selves on a gigantic screen in the new 4K Imax restoration of Jonathan Demme's seminal concert documentary "Stop Making Sense," which was having its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival. And yet, demand to be in that room with them was so high that one man waited four hours in a line for rush tickets, which would be given out only if someone with a ticket failed to show up to the sold-out screening. ("That's a new record," said an admiring ticket-scanner.)

"When I was watching this just now, I was thinking, '*This* is why we come to the movie theaters,'" said singer David Byrne, after the screening. "This is different than watching it on my laptop."

Byrne was joined by drummer Chris Frantz and bassist Tina Weymouth (who are married) alongside keyboardist Jerry Harrison. Frantz wrote a 2020 memoir that accused Byrne of being power-hungry and ruthless, seizing sole credit for songs the whole band had written. Weymouth has called him "a vampire," "insecure" and "Trumpian" — incapable of thinking about other people.

Byrne recently admitted that he was responsible for the band's "ugly" breakup and that he could be "a little tyrant" when he was younger. He gets along better with Harrison, with whom he gets dinner sometimes.

The water didn't seem to be totally under the bridge — in the red carpet photos for the evening, Weymouth looked very much like she did *not* want to be there — but the crowd reaction to the film and the band seemed to soften things a bit.



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ABOVE: Talking Heads in the concert movie "Stop Making Sense," which played at the Toronto International Film Festival. RIGHT: From left, drummer Chris Frantz, bassist Tina Weymouth, keyboardist Jerry Harrison and singer David Byrne reunite Monday for the film's showing.

> *"One of the reasons for the lasting power of the film is you see how much fun we are having onstage, and the audience is, too."*
> **Jerry Harrison,** keyboardist

"You know, Talking Heads was *such* a good band," Frantz told Lee for the Q&A, which was being simulcast to Imax theaters around the world. "It's so good to be here with my bandmates tonight. … I'm very grateful to be here tonight and to be able to watch this and to enjoy it so much."

The crowd in Toronto was already pumped the second Byrne's white sneakers walked out onstage, in the film's opening shot, as he leaned over to turn on a boombox. They screamed as Byrne danced, knocking his knees together in a flowing white suit, or as Weymouth stomped around in striped tights. The film, which had been shot over three nights at L.A.'s Pantages Theater in December 1983, looked fantastic, restored from the original 35mm print. The sound was immersive and impeccable, as if it were being created in the room that very moment. It didn't feel like film; it felt like Talking Heads really had time-traveled, and we were the lucky witnesses. (It will release exclusively on Imax on Sept. 22 and hit theaters everywhere Sept. 29.)

"I'm going on record, around the world: This is the greatest concert film ever!" said Lee, who'd filmed the concert version of Byrne's "American Utopia," which premiered at TIFF three years ago.

His enthusiasm was a stark contrast to Weymouth, who deadpanned: "My big contribution was I never turned my amp up past three."

She let the laughter settle in, then explained: "That way it left room for everybody else to shine, because if the bass player gets too loud, forget it."

If "Stop Making Sense" feels like being in a time machine back to 1983, that's because it essentially is. "This is more or less what we were doing on tour," Byrne said. The intermission, a couple of songs and costume changes got cut out, "but other than that, this is kind of the show we were doing," Byrne said. "It seemed like it had a progression to it, a story. And I think it occurred to us, 'This could maybe work as a film.' It's got a beginning and a middle and an end, and we started thinking about who could direct this and how can we do this? How do we pay for that?"

The band had decided to restore the film, Harrison said, in part because the advent of new technology and multichannel audio could vastly improve the sound. If you really wanted to listen to the keys in one section, you can now, whereas it wasn't as clear in the original or in the 1999 rerelease, which restored some songs that Demme had cut.

Before the screening started, TIFF CEO Cameron Bailey told the crowd how lucky they were; five times as many people had tried to get tickets as actually got in. Then he gave permission to let loose: "As was said, you can dance if you want to."

The crowd took it to heart. When late keyboardist Bernie Worrell of Parliament-Funkadelic showed up in close-up during "Life During Wartime," a voice behind me exclaimed, "A band like that?!" It sounded like both a definitive statement and an expression of glee. I turned around. The voice was Lee's, two rows back.

This ain't no party, this ain't no disco.

When the familiar strains of "Burning Down the House" came on, a smattering of people stood up to dance in the front and back of the theater, then soon Byrne and the entire band, seated on the right side of the room, were on their feet.

"It's a little steep for dancing, but some people managed," said Harrison, referring to the stadium-style Imax setup. He'd left his seat, he said, and sneaked around to the back of the theater for better comfort. "I wanted to dance around a little bit and just sort of experience it. I don't want to be off at the side," he said. "I wanted to experience the wide-screen."

At one point, when Byrne runs around onstage in the film, a young man with a blond ponytail vaulted over the railing in front of his seats and ran loops of the theater, across the front aisle, and up and down the stairs, before doing a perfect vault back over the rail and into his seat without hitting the wheelchair-accessible row below him.

That was the moment there was no turning back. The crowd whooped and screamed. Every time Worrell came on, Lee would shout, "Bernie!" Every time Byrne or Weymouth danced, everyone lost their minds. "Go David! Go David!" Lee shouted. When Byrne did his costume change into his oversize suits, the floor was practically shaking. And as soon as they launched into "Once in a Lifetime," everyone was standing.

Letting the days go by, let the water hold me down.

Byrne and Frantz explained the origins of the film. Demme had simply approached them backstage after a show. They'd loved his comedy "Melvin and Howard," which they found more beautiful than any other movie of its time. Then, once they saw how Demme was working with editor Lisa Day, they saw his vision. He also let the band weigh in on edits and how to shoot it on the six cameras they used every night.

"I realized that he was looking at it as an ensemble film, like you would have a bunch of actors in a location and you get to know each character one by one," Byrne said. "He lets you get familiar with them. And then you watch how they all interact with one another. And I thought, 'I'm in my own world, but he saw what was going on there.'"

Demme came out on tour with them, as did Sandy McLeod, a visual consultant who meticulously mapped out everyone's movements, so they'd know who to shoot when there were six cameras trained on them.

Byrne also told Lee how the giant suit came to be. A Japanese designer had told him that, in the theater, everything is bigger than in real life. "He's referring to, like, gestures and you sing louder and all that, and I'm thinking, 'Oh, my suit should be bigger, too,'" Byrne said.

Acrimony or not, as they laughed about the past, some warmth returned.

"I love that show. It was magical. Everything about it was so special," Weymouth said.

"One of the reasons for the lasting power of the film is you see how much fun we are having onstage, and the audience is, too," Harrison said.

"Can I put the word love in there, too?" Lee asked, as the audience hooted in agreement.

"And love," said Harrison, smiling. "Exactly: love and fun. And the audience is brought right in there. They are saying, 'You're part of this, too.' And I think every time anybody watches, it brings back that wonderful emotion."

Barrymore to bring back daytime talk show amid strike, angering writers

BY HERB SCRIBNER AND ERICA WERNER

Striking writers unleashed a torrent of fury against actress Drew Barrymore this week as she restarted her daytime talk show — which, although not technically part of the Hollywood strike, relies on writers who are.

Barrymore, who previously declined to host an MTV award show to support the strike, announced Sunday that she will be bringing back "The Drew Barrymore Show" amid the Hollywood writers and actors strike, prompting protests and picketing from the Writers Guild of America outside her New York taping Monday and Tuesday. For more than four months, actors and performers have shown tremendous support for the writers strike, and Barrymore's move raises questions about whether that support is beginning to crack.

"I own this choice," Barrymore said in her statement. "We are in compliance with not discussing or promoting film and television that is struck of any kind."

On Tuesday, the prestigious National Book Awards announced it had rescinded Barrymore's invitation to host its next ceremony in New York City, after several writers including Colson Whitehead publicly criticized the actress's involvement. "We are grateful to Ms. Barrymore and her team for their understanding in this situation," the National Book Foundation said in a statement.

The talk show's fourth season was originally confirmed by CBS last week, with the first episode set to air Sept. 18. According to the WGA, "The Drew Barrymore Show" employs three WGA writers, each of whom were out picketing Monday. Some 100 picketers were chanting "Drew the right thing" and "We expect more from Drew Barry-more," among other things. On Tuesday, protesters continued to picket outside the CBS Broadcast Center, chanting, "CBS! You are a mess!"

Irate writers flooded social media with concern that Barrymore would bring back her show due to a contract with CBS without WGA scribes.

Cristina Kinon, one of the three writers on Barrymore's show, spent Monday picketing outside CBS.

"The reality is that, you know, you stand with the unions, or you don't," Kinon said later in a phone interview. "And everybody is allowed to make that decision for herself. I know that there's a lot that goes into it, especially when your name is on a show, and you're in charge of a lot of people, and you have to make the decision that feels right for you.

"For her it was to go back," she said. "For the writers, it's to stand with our union because we believe in what we're striking for, and we believe we deserve a fair deal."

The WGA said Monday that it plans to picket the show continuously until it stops filming.

Hollywood writers began striking in May when the Writers Guild of America, a union representing Hollywood writers, couldn't reach a deal with studios and producers for better pay and protections against artificial intelligence, amid other asks. Actors began their own strike in July over similar concerns, including better residuals from streaming service companies.



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"I own this choice," Drew Barrymore says about the decision to restart production of her daytime talk show amid the strikes by Hollywood actors and writers.

Some social media users were calling Barrymore a "scab" for allowing her show to be taped amid the strike.

The Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists said in a statement that the show "is produced under the Network Television Code which is a separate contract and is not struck. It is permissible work and Drew's role as host does not violate the current strike rules."

The WGA East's Instagram account said Barrymore's show "is a WGA covered, struck show that is planning to return without its writers."

"The Guild has, and will continue to, picket struck shows that are in production during the strike. Any writing on 'The Drew Barrymore Show' is in violation of WGA rules."

Two Barrymore fans who went to the taping Monday were asked to leave the show, according to the Hollywood Reporter. Dominic Turiczek and Cassidy Carter said they were told to take off WGA support pins they received from picketers for security reasons. But after Turiczek entered the studio space with his pin still attached, they were both asked to leave. Carter and Turiczek then joined the picket lines outside the show while wearing WGA shirts, the outlet reported.

"It really has changed my perspective on her and the show in general. I've been completely alarmed and disheartened by this whole process," Carter told the Hollywood Reporter.

"Yes, you're contractually obligated, but you're also Drew Barrymore," wrote David Slack, a board member of WGA West. "You have a lot of influence and power. You stood with the writers in the first weeks of our strike. Stand with us now."

Barrymore, whose representatives did not respond to a request for comment, acknowledged in her social media post that there are conflicted feelings over her decision to return since she previously stepped down from hosting the MTV Movie & TV Awards as a way to support the strike in May.

"Our show was built for sensitive times and has only functioned through what the real world is going through in real time," she wrote. "I want to be there to provide what writers do so well, which is a way to bring us together or help us make sense of the human experience. I hope for a resolve for everyone as soon as possible. We have navigated difficult times since we first came on air. And so I take a step forward to start season 4 once again with an astute humility."

A spokesperson for CBS Media Ventures said the show "will not be performing any writing work covered by the WGA strike." Instead, like "The View" is already doing, the network will produce the show without using any written material.

"I am so excited to see what Drew has in store for season four," said Wendy McMahon, president and CEO of CBS Media Ventures. "We couldn't have a better partner in Drew Barrymore and look forward to bringing our fans and station clients alike new episodes this fall."

TELEVISION

TV HIGHLIGHTS



WILFORD HARWOOD/HULU

The Other Black Girl (Hulu) In the premiere of this show, an editorial assistant named Nella (Sinclair Daniel, pictured) is fed up with being the only Black girl at her company, so she's overjoyed when Hazel (Ashleigh Murray) is hired; when Hazel quickly rises through the ranks, Nella begins to spiral and discovers something sinister within the company.

America Outdoors With Baratunde Thurston (PBS at 8) A look at the outdoor wonders of Arkansas.

Big Brother (CBS at 8) The houseguests compete to win the power of veto; during the veto meeting, the winner can decide whether to keep the nominations the same or save someone from eviction.

The Real Housewives of Orange County (Bravo at 8) The ladies continue their trip and head to the Mexican jungle; Heather offends Emily, keeping herself in the hot seat; Shannon opens up about her relationship with John; Vicki's surprise arrival doesn't go as planned.

Archer (FXX at 10) Barry returns and shuns the gang in their endeavor to put Other Barry on ice.

Evolution Earth (PBS at 10) Looking at island wildlife provides insights into the quickly changing planet.

PREMIERE

Wrestlers (Netflix) From the creator of "Last Chance U" and "Cheer," this docuseries chronicles the story of new owners and a roster of rising stars who are trying to make an impact beyond the ring.

MOVIE

Mean Girls (MTV at 9) After trading in freedom and the peace of being home-schooled in Africa for the chaos of suburban high school, Cady Heron (Lindsay Lohan) finds something much scarier than lions waiting for her: teenage girls.

RETURNING

The Morning Show (Apple TV Plus) Season 3.

— Olivia McCormack

BROADCAST CHANNELS										
9/13/23	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	♦ **NBC News**	♦ **Hollywood**	♦ **Got Talent** (Live)		♦ Night Court	♦ Night Court	♦ Chicago P.D.		♦ **News**	(:35) ♦ J. Fallon
4.2 WRC (IND)	Bones		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **Fox 5**	♦ **TMZ**	♦ **MasterChef**				♦ **Fox 5 News at 10**		♦ **Fox 5 News**	♦ **The Final 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ **Wheel**	♦ **Jeopardy!**	♦ Conners	♦ Conners	♦ Conners	♦ Conners	♦ The Rookie		♦ **News**	♦ J.Kimmel
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ **Inside Ed.**	♦ **ET**	♦ **Big Brother**				♦ So Help Me Todd		♦ **9 News**	(:35) ♦ Colbert
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ La rosa de Guadalupe		♦ **Eternamente amándonos**		♦ **Tierra de esperanza**		♦ **Minas de pasión**		♦ Noticias	♦ **Noticiero**
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ FamFeud	♦ Family Feud	♦ **Fox 5 News On the Plus**		♦ FamFeud	♦ FamFeud	♦ FamFeud	♦ Puzzler	♦ Dateline	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ **Ask the Gov.**		♦ **America Outdoors**		♦ NOVA		♦ **Evolution Earth**		♦ Ask the Gov.	
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ **PBS NewsHour**		♦ **America Outdoors**		♦ NOVA		♦ **Evolution Earth**		♦ **Amanpour and Company**	
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	♦ Daily Drum		♦ Frontline		♦ Afropop: Cultural		♦ The Misadventures		♦ BBC News	♦ Story
50.1 WDCW (CW)	♦ Neighbor	♦ Neighbor	♦ The Swarm		♦ Penn & Teller: Fool Us		♦ **DC News Now**		♦ Seinfeld	♦ Seinfeld
66.1 WPXW (ION)	♦ Blue Bloods		♦ Blue Bloods		♦ Blue Bloods		♦ Blue Bloods		♦ Blue Bloods	
CABLE CHANNELS										
A&E	The First 48		**The First 48**		**Nightwatch**		**Nightwatch**		(:05) The First 48	
AMC	Movie: Saving Private Ryan ★★★★ (1998)								Movie: Under Siege ★★★	
Animal Planet	Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue	
BET	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		**As. Living**	**As. Living**	**As. Living**	**Ms. Pat**	As. Living	As. Living
Bravo	**Housewives/OC**		**The Real Housewives of Orange County**			**Real Housewives**		Housewives/OC		Housewives
Cartoon Network	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American	American	Rick
CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**The Source With** (Live)		**CNN Primetime** (Live)		**CNN Tonight** (Live)	
Comedy Central	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park			**Reno 911!**	**Reno 911!**	South Park	South Park
Discovery	Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		**Expedition X**		**Expedition Bigfoot**		Ghost Adventures	
Disney	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel's	Ladybug	Ladybug	Ladybug	The Villains	The Villains
E!	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	**E! News**	Sex-City
ESPN	**Welcome to Wrexham**		**Women's College Volleyball** Kentucky at Louisville (Live)				ESPN Films		**SportsCenter** (Live)	
ESPN2	WNBA Countdown		**Basketball** Minnesota Lynx at Connecticut Sun (Live)				**WNBA Basketball** Chicago Sky at Las Vegas Aces (Live)			
Food Network	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		**All-Star**		Guy's Grocery Games		Battle of the Decades	
Fox News	**The Ingraham Angle** (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**		**Fox News at Night** (Live)	
Freeform	(5:05) Movie: Cruella ★★		(:20) Movie: The Devil Wears Prada ★★★ (2006)						**The 700 Club**	
FX	(5:30) Movie: Free Guy		Movie: Iron Man 2 ★★ (2010)					Movie: Logan ★★★ (2017)		
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Caribbean Su...		Movie: A Pinch of Portugal (2023)				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	Movie: The Jane Mysteries: Inheritance Lost (2023)				Movie: Family History Mysteries: Buried Past (2023)				Murder, She Wrote	
HBO	Movie: Anna ★★ (2019)				Movie: Donyale Luna: Supermodel (P)			(:35) Winning Beat L.A.		Movie
HGTV	Bargain Block		**Bargain Block**		**Bargain Block**		**Hunters**	**Hunters**	Hunters	Hunters
History	American Pickers		American Pickers		**American Pickers**		(:05) American Pickers		(:05) American Pickers	
Lifetime	Castle		Castle		Castle		(:05) Castle		(:05) Castle	
MASN	(6:30) **Baseball** St. Louis Cardinals at Baltimore Orioles				**O's Xtra**	Ballgame	Coach	**Pro Football Plus**		World Tennis
MSNBC	**The ReidOut** (Live)		**All In With** (Live)		**Alex Wagner Tonight** (Live)		**Last Word** (Live)		**11th Hour** (Live)	
MTV	Teen Mom: The		**Teen Mom: The**		Movie: Mean Girls ★★★ (2004)					Ridiculous
Nat'l Geographic	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		**To Catch a Smuggler**		To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler	
NBC SportsNet WA	Greatest	Washington	Fairways of Life		Pure Outdoor	Short List	The Immo	Greatest	Washington	golf
Nickelodeon	**Young Dylan**	**Slimetime**	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**On Balance**		**Cuomo** (Live)		**NewsNation Town Hall: Former VP Mike Pence** (Live)				Cuomo	
PARMT	Two Men	Two Men	Movie: 2 Fast 2 Furious ★★ (2003)					Movie: Fast & Furious ★★ (2009)		
Syfy	(6:30) Movie: The Hunt ★★ (2020)			Movie: Olympus Has Fallen ★★ (2013)					Movie: Conan the Barbarian	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	**All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite** (Live)				Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon
TCM	(6:00) Movie: Imitation of Life		Movie: The Password Is Courage ★★★ (1962)				(:15) Movie: A Bridge Too Far ★★★ (1977)			
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life				Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding: Buried Alive	
TNT	Lucifer		Movie: The Meg ★★ (2018)				(:15) Movie: Deep Blue Sea ★★ (1999)			
Travel	Paranormal Cam.		Paranormal Cam.		Paranormal Cam.		Paranormal Cam.		Paranormal Cam.	
TruTV	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Movie: We're the Millers ★★ (2013)				
TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:05) King	(:40) King
TV One	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	ATL Homicide		ATL Homicide		ATL Homicide		ATL Homicide	
USA Network	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	(5:00) Movie: Forrest Gump ★★★★ (1994)			Movie: Titanic ★★★★ (1997)						
WNC8	Larry K	CLEANBOSS!	7News at 6	Paid Prog.	**SportsTalk**	**World News**	**WJLA News**	Celebs	**The National Desk** (Live)	

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Lil Nas X documentary premiere was the Blackest, queerest night at Toronto

BY JADA YUAN

TORONTO — At one point during the concert documentary "Lil Nas X: Long Live Montero," which premiered late Saturday night at the Toronto International Film Festival, an audience member in a sleek black suit, towering boots and waist-length black hair got up to dance while everyone around him screamed in approval.

That would be Lil Nas X.

Watching Nas watch himself in a some 2,600-person theater, complete with incredible immersive sound and sweeping, extended footage of the mega-famous 24-year-old singer's first tour, in 2022, was all part of the experience. The Toronto moviegoers weren't doused in as much glitter as Nas's fans are at his concerts, but plenty of people showed up in denim chaps or silk robes hand-painted with horses, and clapped and sang along with joy. (That is, once the movie started after being delayed by a bomb threat; the festival says it was not directed at the singer.)

When filmmakers Zac Manuel and Carlos López Estrada first approached him, Nas explained in a Q&A, he didn't want to cooperate. "I'm going to be honest. I was like: 'I don't want to do this at all. This is a terrible idea.' But then I was like, 'F--- it, let's do it anyway.' I hate people knowing about my life, because I can't keep my funny persona. Now people know I'm all serious."

Today, though, he said, "I'm happy I did it." He also can imagine looking back at it 10 years from now, unable to recognize the person on-screen after who-knows-how-many-more hit songs. "Maybe I'll be married with kids, a dog. [Or] two dogs! I already have two cats, [so maybe] two dogs and two cats."

The documentary, which doesn't have a distributor yet, centers on Nas as an entertaining and very funny narrator of his own rapid ascent to cultural relevance: upending the country charts as a young Black artist who teamed up with Billy Ray Cyrus; coming out as gay while their song, "Old Town Road," was on a record-breaking 19-week streak atop the Billboard Hot 100; dropping the staggeringly bold, overtly queer video for "Montero (Call Me By Your Name)," which depicts him sliding down a stripper pole to hell and humping the devil. It only got him more of a following.

The film, of course, features big onstage moments in pink Louis XIV-style wigs or bursting out of a cocoon, and backstage visits from the likes of Madonna. But it's also filled with intimacy, as Nas, a primo confessor of the TikTok generation, gives interviews while in a towel, or while lying on the ground, with existential one-liners just pouring out of him.

"Am I going to freeze up and go back inside my dad's [testicles]?" he asks before stepping onstage for the first show in Detroit.

Before another show, he declares, "I want to hopefully get a chance to poop," with a long, very funny explanation of why that bodily function is so crucial. (When he vomits before a show, nothing is left to the imagination.)

What kept fans talking in the lobby, though, were Nas's confessionals about coming out. How it felt like a necessity to him and how he didn't feel like he could progress if he didn't, but also how afraid he was about how his family would react.



VALERIE MACON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The concert documentary "Lil Nas X: Long Live Montero" premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival on Saturday. The singer almost didn't agree to make the film, but he says he's "happy I did it."

"I think every gay Black man should see this movie," said Duane Gholston, 32, a community activist from Detroit who saw four of Nas's shows from the front row. "For him to admit on camera that his dad said to him, 'Maybe you're being tempted by the devil,' that was like, 'Wow.'" (Nas's dad came around; he's pictured outside a concert, proudly telling fans, "Thanks all of y'all for being here because I didn't use a condom!")

Winston Godwin, 33, was most moved by a scene where Nas expresses how nervous he is to wear a plaid schoolgirl's skirt and a gay pride T-shirt in front of his family, because it was so relatable. Godwin explained that people don't often talk about being gay and Black, that community can be hard to find, but that seeing Nas still processing his identity could make people feel less isolated. "It's so simple, but just buying a skirt is telling, because it's like he's going through the same kind of things that anybody would," he said.

Both fans were also struck by Nas openly talking about how his newfound fame and riches had affected his family dynamics. At one point, he says that his goal in five years is for everyone to have a house that he doesn't pay for. "That was bold of him to say with his family in the audience," Gholston said.

Gholston is one of the 30 or 40 fans Manuel and Estrada interviewed at shows. And his assessment of Nas is one of the best applause lines in the film: "He's the only male celebrity I actually wanted to f--- and be at the same time."

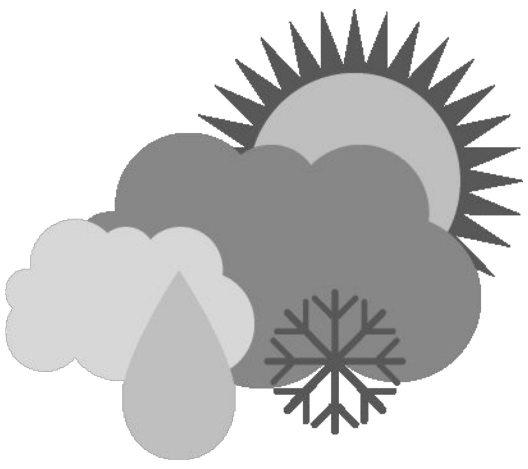
During the Q&A, Nas named his favorite movie ("Back to the Future Part II"), said he's working on folk music and Brazilian funk, and hinted that he'll be directing a feature. ("Oh, there's going to be something that's going to happen.")

He also offered up life advice: "If you're scared to do something, you probably should. Not jump off a building. Like, that's stupid. But a lot of times when you feel stuck in life, do the thing that you're most afraid to do but you have this inner knowing inside of you that you need to do that thing." For him, that leap of faith was making music when he was under pressure to be the first person in his family to graduate from college. And it was making that crazy "Montero" video that people said might destroy his career.

He drew the line, though, at a fan who asked in the Q&A whether they could hang out. "You know what?" he said, laughing. "Time is precious."

Meanwhile, fans who'd come alone were leaving with a community. Gholston and Godwin took selfies with Nicoy Davis, 32, a nonbinary queer Black nonprofit administrator from Toronto who wore towering heels and a dress. They'd all met that day.

Davis, too, related most to Nas talking about his awkward family dynamics. "It's kind of like, 'Don't ask, don't tell,' and, 'We love you and accept you, but only to an extent,'" Davis said. "But I'm super happy he found backup dancers and other queer people to usher him in to our beautiful world."



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Biographer clarifies sequence of events

ISAACSON FROM C1

Crimea. Musk's company SpaceX donated Starlink terminals and dishes to the Ukrainian military to replace the communications infrastructure destroyed by Russia's invasion in early 2022.

Isaacson reports in his book that Musk ordered SpaceX to shut down the Starlink system in Crimea just as the Ukrainian military was about to attack Russian warships with explosives-laden submarine drones. In Isaacson's initial telling, Musk's alleged last-minute intervention made it impossible for the Ukrainians to communicate with the drones and complete the attack.

"Throughout the evening and into the night [of the strike], he personally took charge of the situation," Isaacson writes. "Allowing the use of Starlink for the attack, he concluded, could be a disaster for the world. So he secretly told his engineers to turn off coverage within a hundred kilometers of the Crimean coast. As a result, when the Ukrainian drone subs got near the Russian fleet in Sevastopol, they lost connectivity and washed ashore harmlessly."

Musk refuted Isaacson's description following the publication of an excerpt from the book in The Post and a news story about it on CNN.com Thursday.

Musk said that he decided well before the planned strike to disable Starlink within Crimea. He did not specify when he gave the order to "geofence" — or block — the region, but he said it was not in reaction to the drone attack.

Isaacson accepted that explanation, and went on X — the Musk-owned social media platform formerly known as Twitter



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Walter Isaacson's "Elon Musk" included a disputed reference.

— to offer a somewhat vague clarification Friday: "The Ukrainians THOUGHT coverage was enabled all the way to Crimea, but it was not. They asked Musk to enable it for their [attack]. Musk did not enable it, because he thought, probably correctly, that would cause a major war."

Musk followed with his own X post: "At no point did I or anyone at SpaceX promise coverage over Crimea" to the Ukrainians, adding that "our terms of service clearly prohibit Starlink for offensive military action, as we are a civilian system."

That leaves an open question, however: Why didn't the Ukrainians know that Starlink was blocked in Crimea when they began planning their drone mission, which was thus doomed to fail? Isaacson indicated that Ukrainian officials were surprised to learn of the Starlink policy on the night of the planned strike and frantically lobbied Musk to reverse it. They were reportedly rebuffed by Musk, who reiterated his policy.

On Monday, in an interview, Isaacson offered further clarification: "I thought he'd instituted that policy [disabling Starlink] that night," as the drone attack was imminent. "But he was simply reasserting a policy that was already in place" for an unknown amount of time.

The Post appended a correction to its excerpt after hearing from Isaacson. CNN also clarified its original news story on Monday; it declined further comment.

Although the timeline discrepancy undercuts some of the book's dramatic retelling of the unsuccessful Ukrainian drone strike, Isaacson noted in an interview that it doesn't change an essential fact: that Musk, a sometimes erratic businessman and private citizen with a penchant for conspiracy theories, has played a critical and even unprecedented role in an international conflict, shaping it in a way no mere tech baron could.

While he claims that the system is civilian, Musk's ownership of SpaceX essentially gave him veto power over Ukraine's drone strike and other potential military operations.

Isaacson writes that Musk opposed Ukraine's planned strike after he spoke with the Russian ambassador to the United States — essentially conferring quasi-diplomatic status on Musk. "The ambassador had explicitly told him that a Ukrainian attack on Crimea would lead to a nuclear response," Isaacson writes. This foreclosed any thought Musk may have had about enabling Starlink in Crimea.

The Ukrainians also appealed to Musk. When the Ukrainian military learned that Starlink was blocked, Isaacson writes that Musk got "frantic calls and texts" from Ukrainian officials asking him to turn the coverage on.

Musk also discussed the situation with Jake Sullivan, President Biden's national security adviser, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Mark A. Milley, according to Isaacson.

A few weeks later, in October, Musk proposed his own peace plan on Twitter. He suggested holding new referendums in the Russian-occupied Donbas region of eastern Ukraine and giving Russia permanent control of Crimea, which Russia seized from Ukraine in 2014.

Outraged by Musk's audacity, Ukrainian officials rejected the plan.

Will Oremus contributed to this report.

MOVIE DIRECTORY

Wednesday, September 13, 2023
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DISTRICT

AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 2:25-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 4:40
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 2:15-6:00-9:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 2:10-5:05-9:50
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:45-4:20-9:35
Elemental (PG) CC: 1:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:45-7:45-9:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:30-5:10-7:45-10:20
Golda (PG-13) CC: 2:10-4:35
Talk to Me (R) CC: 9:50
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:20-4:35-9:40
Bottoms (R) CC: 2:05-4:45-7:15-9:35
Dumb Money (R) CC: 7:00
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 2:10
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:10
After Everything (R) 7:00
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) OC: 6:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) OC: 8:00
Strays (R) OC: 10:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 3:25-6:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 7:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) 7:15
The Nun II (R) OC: 8:40

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street
630 Rhode Island Ave NE
Come and See (Idi i smotri) (NR) 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) 3:00-6:15-9:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 2:30-6:00
Oppenheimer (R) 3:15-5:30-9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 2:45-3:30-6:45-9:15-10:30
The Nun II (R) 6:00-7:30-9:30
My Animal (R) 9:45
Bottoms (R) 2:30-3:30-5:15-6:30-8:00-9:15-10:45
The Nun II (R) 3:45-10:45; 2:45

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E
The Equalizer 3 (R) 7:20
Barbie (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 2:15-4:45
Bottoms (R) 2:30-5:00-7:30

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue
Oppenheimer (R) 12:00-3:45-7:30
Golda (PG-13) 12:45-3:05-5:25

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest
Barbie (PG-13) 4:20-7:10
Oppenheimer (R) 7:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 4:40-7:40
The Nun II (R) 4:30-7:20
Bottoms (R) 4:10-5:00-7:00-7:50
Oppenheimer (R) 4:00

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest
Barbie (PG-13) 3:15-7:15
Oppenheimer (R) 3:30-7:00
Linoleum 3:25
The Equalizer 3 (R) 7:45
L'immensità 7:35
Theater Camp (PG-13) 3:25-7:25
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 7:00
Bottoms (R) 4:00-7:00-8:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 3:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 3:15
Bottoms (R) 3:00

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:00-5:55
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:20-1:25-3:00-3:10-4:30-6:10-7:50-8:50-9:10
Jawan (Hindi) 12:20
The Nun II (R) 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:10-2:40-8:45
Bottoms (R) 12:50-1:20-3:20-4:10-6:40-8:35-9:10
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) 11:50-3:50-7:50
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) 11:50-2:45-5:30-8:25
The Nun II (R) 12:30-1:00-2:30-3:30-3:35-4:00-5:30-6:30-7:00-8:00-8:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 6:25
Bottoms (R) OC: 6:05
The Nun II (R) OC: 5:10

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road
Vertigo (1958) (PG) 4:15
Enter the Dragon (1973) (R) 12:00
Unforgiven (R) 6:45
Midnight Cowboy (R) 6:15
Oppenheimer (R) OC: 3:15
Super Fly (1972) (R) 9:30
Midnight Cowboy (R) 8:45
Desperate Souls, Dark City and the Legend of Midnight Cowboy 1:00
Dirty Harry (R) 2:00

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:00-6:50-9:40
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-6:40
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:40-7:20-10:20
The Nun II (R) CC: 4:15-7:15-10:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 9:20
The Nun II (R) 1:40

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 11:10-1:15-4:00-6:40-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 11:00-1:30-4:00-6:30
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 11:00-2:50-6:15-9:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 12:20-3:20-6:45-9:45
Strays (R) CC: 10:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 11:20-2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:10-4:10-7:15-10:10
The Nun II (R) CC: 11:00-12:00-1:40-2:40-4:20-5:20-7:00-8:00-9:45-10:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:30-2:50-5:10-9:50
Bottoms (R) CC: 1:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:20
Retribution (R) CC: 11:00AM
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 7:30

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:50-4:30-7:15-10:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:30-4:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:10-4:20-7:20-9:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-6:50-10:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:10-6:40-9:40
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-6:30-7:30-9:15-10:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:15-4:50-7:40-10:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:50

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 3:00-9:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:00
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 2:00-6:00-9:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 2:50-6:05-9:10
Strays (R) CC: 9:50
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 9:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:45
Elemental (PG) CC: 4:00
Jawan (Hindi) 2:00-6:00-9:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 2:30-6:00-9:20
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:20-5:00-7:40
Oppenheimer: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 12:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 1:40-4:05-6:10-9:40
Dumb Money (R) CC: 7:00
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 4:20-9:40
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:30
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
After Everything (R) 7:00
A Haunting in Venice: IMAX Early Access Screenings (PG-13) CC: 7:00
The Nun II (R) CC: 9:00

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center
Star Trek (PG-13) CC: 4:10
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:10-6:10-9:00
Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13) CC: 1:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 3:00-8:00
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 12:30-4:30-8:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 12:45-4:00-7:10-10:10
Strays (R) CC: 12:15-5:15-10:05
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:30-1:15-3:20-4:00-9:45-10:15
Jawan (Hindi) 2:00-6:00-9:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:45-4:00-7:15-10:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:45-5:45-8:30
Talk to Me (R) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:15
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:00-2:20-4:40-9:45
Retribution (R) CC: 2:45-7:45
Dumb Money (R) CC: 7:00
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 1:15-4:15-10:00
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 4:40-7:15
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 7:10-10:20
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 1:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem 3D (PG) CC: 12:30-5:30-10:30
No More Bets 10:00
After Everything (R) 7:00
A Haunting in Venice: IMAX Early Access Screenings (PG-13) CC: 7:00
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:00-5:00-7:45-10:30; 3:30-9:30; 12:30-6:30

AMC Loews St. Charles Town Ctr. 9
11115 Mall Circle
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 4:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:45-7:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:45-2:00-3:30-6:15
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:30-7:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:15-3:00-4:45-5:45-8:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem 3D (PG) 5:15
Barbie (PG-13) 2:20-7:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) 7:00

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:40-4:10-6:40-9:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 2:30-5:30-8:30
Strays (R) CC: 1:25-6:40
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 3:50-9:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:15-3:40-4:00-6:20-6:45-9:00-9:30
Elemental (PG) CC: 4:25
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:45-5:00-8:10
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:00-3:45
Talk to Me (R) CC: 2:15-4:45-7:10-9:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:10-4:35-9:30
Retribution (R) CC: 1:20
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
The Nun II (R) OC: 9:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 7:00
The Nun II (R) 6:30

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:15-4:30-7:15-10:00
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 10:05
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 2:30-5:15-7:45-10:15
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 2:55-7:15-10:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 2:45-6:00-9:00
Strays (R) CC: 5:15-7:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 2:20-4:15-7:00-9:45-11:00
Elemental (PG) CC: 3:00-5:45
Jawan (Hindi) 2:00-6:00-9:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 2:50-6:15-9:20
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:45-5:30-6:45-8:15-9:30-10:55
Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (PG-13) CC: 11:00
Golda (PG-13) CC: 2:40-5:30-8:00-10:30
The Hill (PG) CC: 5:05
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:30-9:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 5:00-8:30
The Good Mother (R) 2:05-8:00-10:45
No More Bets 2:10-7:30
The Nun II (R) 4:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 7:00

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle
The Goonies (PG) 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) 10:45-1:35-4:25-10:10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 10:40-1:20-4:05-9:30
Oppenheimer (R) 10:25-2:25-10:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 10:15-1:20-4:25-10:45
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 1:10-4:10-10:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:00-11:25-11:50-1:45-2:10-2:35-4:30-4:55-7:15-7:40-8:05-10:00-10:25-10:50
Jawan (Hindi) XD: 11:10-3:00-6:50-10:40
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 10:00-1:15-4:35-10:55
The Nun II (R) 11:05-1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25; 11:05-1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25; 10:30-1:20-4:10-9:55; 10:05-11:40-12:10-12:55-2:30-3:00-3:45-5:50-8:10-8:40-9:25-11:00; 5:20
Talk to Me (R) 1:10-3:45-10:35
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 10:00-10:30-11:50-1:00-2:50-3:30-5:30-8:00-9:30-10:30
Bottoms (R) 11:10-1:45-4:15-10:35
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) 11:25-2:00-4:35-9:45
Barbie (PG-13) OC: 7:20
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) OC: 6:45
Oppenheimer (R) OC: 6:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) OC: 7:30
Strays (R) 10:00-4:20-11:00
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) OC: 7:25
The Equalizer 3 (R) OC: 5:20
Elemental (PG) 10:20AM
Jawan (Hindi) 10:50-2:40-6:30-10:20
Jawan (Telugu) 2:20-10:00
Jawan (Tamil) 10:30-6:10
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) OC: 7:45
The Nun II (R) XD: 10:30-1:20-4:10-9:55
Kushi (Telugu) 12:35
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) 4:00-9:55
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 7:00
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 12:30
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) OC: 7:10
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 10:10AM
After Everything (R) 7:00
A Haunting in Venice: Early Access Screenings (PG-13) XD: 7:00

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way
Sixteen Candles (PG) 6:40
Barbie (PG-13) 2:40-5:40-7:40
Oppenheimer (R) 2:00-8:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 2:00-5:00-8:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) 3:00-4:00-6:00-7:00-9:00-10:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 3:40-6:20-9:40
The Nun II (R) 2:20-4:20-5:20-7:20-8:30-10:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 3:20-9:20

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 1:00-1:45-3:30-4:15-7:15
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 1:30-3:30-7:05
Oppenheimer (R) 1:10-4:00-7:00
Linoleum 4:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) 4:50-7:30
L'immensità 1:50-6:30
Golda (PG-13) 1:50-4:40-7:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 3:15-5:20-7:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:10

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Linoleum 4:30-7:15
Barbie (PG-13) 1:30-4:15-7:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 1:50-4:10-7:05
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 4:00
Oppenheimer (R) 1:00-3:40-7:00
L'immensità 1:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:10-4:35-7:20
The Nun II (R) 1:40-4:25-7:40
The Hill (PG) 1:20-7:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:45-1:45-3:00-5:15-7:30
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) 4:05

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 7:00
The Adults (R) 7:15

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 2:35-5:15-8:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 4:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 1:50-4:40-7:35
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 5:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 2:30-3:00-5:00-7:30-8:30
The Nun II (R) 3:00-5:30-7:30-8:15

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
Barbie (PG-13) 12:50-3:45-6:35-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:50-3:40
Mastaney (Punjabi) 1:20-4:55-8:30
Oppenheimer (R) 12:15-4:20-8:25
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:15-3:25-6:30-9:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:20-1:20-3:10-4:10-6:00-6:30-7:00-8:50-9:20-9:50
Jawan (Hindi) 12:15-4:15-8:15
Jawan (Telugu) 1:15-9:15
Jawan (Tamil) 5:15
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:00-3:20-9:50
The Nun II (R) 12:40-1:40-3:05-3:35-4:35-6:00-6:30-7:30-8:55-9:25
Talk to Me (R) 9:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:50-1:50-3:30-4:30-6:10-8:50-9:50
Bottoms (R) 12:30-3:10-5:50-8:30
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 1:10-5:00-8:50
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 1:10-4:05-9:55
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) 1:00-3:45-6:35-9:15
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 12:45-3:40-6:40
After Everything (R) 7:00
A Haunting in Venice: IMAX Early Access Screenings (PG-13) 7:00
The Nun II (R) OC: 12:10

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard
Barbie (PG-13) 11:50-3:20-6:10-9:10
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani 5:10-9:20
Oppenheimer (R) 12:30-4:20-8:25
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:05
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:00-2:50-5:40-8:30
Jawan (Hindi) 1:20-5:00-8:50
Jawan (Tamil) 3:50
Jawan (Telugu) 12:30-7:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 1:10
Kushi (Telugu) 12:50-4:30-8:40
The Nun II (R) 2:00-2:40-4:00-4:50-5:30-6:50-7:40-8:20-9:35
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:20-3:00-5:50-8:20
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 1:40-5:20-9:00
Bottoms (R) 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
The Nun II (R) OC: 1:00

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.
Barbie (PG-13) 12:05-2:55-5:50-8:35
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:50-3:20-5:55
Oppenheimer (R) 12:00-4:05-7:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:45-3:30
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 5:30-8:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:25-1:25-3:05-4:15-5:45-6:40-8:20-9:15
Elemental (PG) 12:10-2:50
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 7:45
The Nun II (R) 12:00-2:30-3:10-5:00-6:00-7:30-8:40
Talk to Me (R) 8:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:30-1:30-2:45-4:00-5:10-6:25-7:30-8:50
The Nun II (R) OC: 12:40

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 12:30-3:20-6:30-9:20
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 1:00-3:40-6:20
Oppenheimer (R) 12:10-4:20-8:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 2:50-6:10-9:10
Strays (R) 9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:45-1:50-3:00-3:50-4:40-5:45-6:40-7:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:20-3:30-6:50
The Nun II (R) 2:10-3:10-5:00-6:00-7:45-9:25
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Bottoms (R) 2:20-4:50-7:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:10-8:50
The Nun II (R) 12:25-9:00

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 1:50-4:40-7:20
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:40-3:10-5:40
Oppenheimer (R) 12:20-4:20-8:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:50-2:40-5:50-9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:30-4:30-7:00-8:10
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 9:20
The Nun II (R) 1:20-2:10-4:00-5:00-6:50-7:30-9:30
Golda (PG-13) 1:40-4:10-6:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:00-2:20-4:50-7:10
Bottoms (R) 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:40
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
No More Bets 12:10-3:00-6:00-9:10

Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way
Barbie (PG-13) 12:40-3:45-9:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:50
Oppenheimer (R) 12:00-4:15-8:20
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:15-3:30-6:40-9:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:00-1:00-2:50-3:50-5:50-6:20-6:50-8:50-9:20-9:50
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:30-3:15-6:20-9:30
The Nun II (R) 12:10-2:10-3:00-5:00-6:00-8:00-9:00
The Hill (PG) 12:20-3:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:50-3:40-4:30-7:10-9:20-9:50
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 1:10-4:00-7:00-10:00
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
After Everything (R) 7:00

Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike
Oppenheimer (R) 12:50-4:40-8:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:20-3:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:00-1:30-2:50-4:20-7:15-8:45-9:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 1:00-4:30-9:10
The Nun II (R) 1:00-3:50-6:50-9:50
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:20-4:00-6:45-9:20
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 12:20-3:00-5:50-8:50
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:10
After Everything (R) 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) 12:40-3:30-6:15-9:40
The Nun II (R) 1:40-8:20; 5:20

Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Drive
The Terminator (R) 1:00-4:00-7:00
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 10:00-12:40-3:30-6:30-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 11:25-1:45-4:25-6:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 10:10-1:10-4:05-7:10-10:10
Strays (R) CC: 9:15
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 10:55-1:35-4:15-6:55-9:55
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: (!) 10:20-11:40-12:20-1:00-2:20-3:00-3:40-5:00-5:40-6:20-7:40-8:20-9:00-10:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-9:50
The Nun II (R) CC: (!) 12:05-2:40-5:20-8:00
Talk to Me (R) CC: 11:55-2:55-5:15-7:35-10:05
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: (!) 11:50-2:10-4:30-6:50-9:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: (!) 11:00-1:40-4:20-7:00-9:40
The Nun II (R) CC: (!) 11:20-2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00

iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 3:15-7:00-10:15
Taxi Driver (1976) (R) 6:30
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 2:45-10:00
Oppenheimer (R) 3:00-6:00-9:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 2:30-6:00-10:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 2:15-3:45-6:45-7:45-9:30-11:00
The Nun II (R) (!) 4:00-7:15-10:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) (!) 3:30-6:15-9:45

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:05-2:10-4:50-7:40
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:25
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 12:30-3:00-6:50
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 12:00-4:10-7:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:50
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:00-2:40-4:20-5:20-7:00-8:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:50-2:50-5:10-7:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:15-2:35-5:00-7:20

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:00-1:30-1:45-4:00-4:15-4:20-6:00-7:00-7:45-9:00-9:30-9:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:00; 9:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 6:30
Star Trek (PG-13) CC: 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:45
Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13) CC: 3:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:45
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 6:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:00-9:45
Strays (R) CC: 4:00-9:45
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 1:00
Elemental (PG) CC: 3:45
Jawan (Hindi) 2:00-6:00-9:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:15-6:45-9:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) CC: 1:30
Oppenheimer: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 2:00
Golda (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:10
Talk to Me (R) CC: 6:45-9:15
The Hill (PG) CC: 1:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:00-9:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 1:45-4:15-7:15-9:45
Retribution (R) CC: 1:15
Dumb Money (R) CC: 7:00
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 6:00-9:00
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 4:15
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 2:45-9:15
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) 1:00-4:45-8:30
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
The Good Mother (R) 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
No More Bets 3:00-6:00-9:00
After Everything (R) 7:00

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle
Star Trek (PG-13) CC: 4:40
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:30-5:30-8:15
Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13) CC: 1:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 2:00-5:00-7:45
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 1:00-7:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:15-3:00-4:15-6:00-7:15-9:00
Strays (R) CC: 3:30
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 2:45-5:40-8:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:45
Elemental (PG) CC: 1:00
Jawan (Hindi) 1:00-4:45-8:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:20-3:45-8:40
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:00-4:00
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) CC: 8:15
Talk to Me (R) CC: 5:45
The Hill (PG) CC: 1:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 1:15-4:30-8:00
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 4:30
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 4:45
Dumb Money (R) CC: 7:00
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 2:45
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
The Nun II (R) CC: 5:00-8:00
After Everything (R) 7:00
A Haunting in Venice: Early Access Screenings (PG-13) CC: 7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 6:00
The Nun II (R) 2:00

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph St.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:00-4:10-7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:25-3:10-5:50-8:30
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 12:10-2:50-6:40
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:20-7:20
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:20-3:00-5:40-8:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50

AMC Tysons Corner 16
7850e Tysons Corner Center
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:25-3:10-5:55-8:40
The Nun II (R) OC: 6:05
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 3:25-7:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:20-3:50-6:30
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani 12:50-4:45-8:25
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 9:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:35-4:35-7:45
Strays (R) CC: 12:20
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 4:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:15
Elemental (PG) CC: 1:50
Jawan (Hindi) 2:55
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:35-3:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:30-4:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:55-3:25-6:00-8:35
Bottoms (R) CC: 1:10-3:40
Retribution (R) CC: 4:25
Dumb Money (R) CC: 7:00
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) 12:05-4:05-8:00
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 12:45
No More Bets 1:05
Jawan: The IMAX 2D Experience 12:15-4:00-7:35
After Everything (R) 7:00
A Haunting in Venice: Early Access Screenings (PG-13) CC: 7:00
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:30-3:20-8:50
The Equalizer 3 (R) 7:00

AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:45
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 3:45
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 3:00-6:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 4:00-7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 3:45-8:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 4:15-7:15
The Nun II (R) CC: 3:00-5:15-7:00-8:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 4:00-6:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 5:30-7:30

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - One Loudoun
20575 East Hampton Plaza
Come and See (Idi i smotri) (NR) 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) 3:15-7:45-9:40
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 4:45
Oppenheimer (R) 3:00-6:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) 3:00-6:00-7:30-10:00
Jawan (Hindi) 2:45-6:45-9:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 2:45
The Nun II (R) 5:00-6:30-8:00
My Animal (R) 10:30
Bottoms (R) 2:15-4:45-7:15-10:30
CatVideoFest 2023 2:00
The Nun II (R) 4:00-10:40

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave
Barbie (PG-13) 11:55-1:15-3:05-5:30-8:00
Oppenheimer (R) 11:35-3:15-7:05
The Equalizer 3 (R) 2:15
Jawan (Hindi) 3:40-7:10
Ernest and Celestine: A Trip to Gibberitia 11:30AM
The Nun II (R) 11:55-2:25-4:55-7:30
Golda (PG-13) 1:30-3:50-6:10-8:25
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:45-4:45-7:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:00-2:30-4:45-7:00
Bottoms (R) 11:40-1:55-4:05-6:20-8:25

CMX Village 14
1600 Village Market Boulevard
Léon: The Professional (Léon) (R) 6:30
Barbie (PG-13) 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:45
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 12:25-4:00-7:40
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:55
Oppenheimer (R) 11:55-3:50-7:35
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 1:10-4:25-7:25
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 11:50-2:35-5:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:10-1:50-2:50-4:35-5:25-7:15-8:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:50-4:15-7:50
The Nun II (R) 11:40-12:30-1:00-1:40-2:15-3:10-3:40-4:20-4:50-6:00-7:00-7:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 7:10; 12:00-2:20-4:45
The Good Mother (R) 8:05

Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Unit 14 Main St.
Barbie (PG-13) 9:45-12:05-2:35-4:55-7:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) 9:50-12:15-2:45-5:05-7:40
The Miracle Club (PG-13) 4:30-6:15
Golda (PG-13) 9:50-12:10-2:30-5:00-7:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 10:05-12:25-2:20-4:35-7:10
Bottoms (R) 10:00-12:20-2:25-4:45-7:20
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) 12:00
Jules (PG-13) 9:55-2:40-8:00

Cinemark Centreville 12
6201 Multiplex Drive
The Goonies (PG) 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) OC: 7:10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) OC: 4:35
Oppenheimer (R) OC: 8:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) OC: 7:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) OC: 6:30
Jawan (Hindi) 12:30-5:10-9:00
Jawan (Telugu) 4:30
Jawan (Tamil) 12:45-8:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) OC: 6:40
Talk to Me (R) OC: 7:50
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 6:50
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 9:15
Barbie (PG-13) 10:25
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 1:20
Oppenheimer (R) 12:05-4:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:15-3:25-10:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:30-4:15-9:55
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 1:25-4:00
The Nun II (R) 12:20-3:10-8:50; 6:00
Talk to Me (R) 12:00-2:35-5:15-10:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:10-2:40-4:20-9:20
Barbie (PG-13) 12:55-3:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 9:50
The Nun II (R) 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20

Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD
11900 Palace Way
The Goonies (PG) 7:00
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 12:15-9:55
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:00-3:35
Jawan (Hindi) 4:10-8:00
Jawan (Tamil) 12:20
The Nun II (R) XD: 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:25
Kushi (Telugu) 2:45-10:00
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) 12:25-1:25-4:20-7:15-10:15
Oppenheimer (R) 12:15-4:15-8:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:55
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:10-2:55-3:55-5:40-8:25
Jawan (Hindi) XD: 2:10-6:00-9:50
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:40-3:50-7:00-10:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:35-10:05
Bottoms (R) 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
The Nun II (R) 12:00-2:50-5:40-8:30-10:10

Medal of Honor Theater - NMMC
18900 Jefferson Davis Highway
We, the Marines (NR) 10:30-11:30-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00

Regal Ballston Quarter
671 North Glebe Road
Barbie (PG-13) 12:20-2:50-5:50-8:25
Oppenheimer (R) 11:40-3:20-7:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:10-3:10-6:10-9:00
Elemental (PG) 1:10
Jawan (Hindi) 12:40-4:30-8:10
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:00-3:20
The Nun II (R) 12:30-1:00-2:30-3:00-3:30-5:00-5:30-6:00-7:30-8:00-8:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:20-3:50-6:10-8:50
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:50-2:40-5:10-7:50
The Nun II (R) OC: 12:00

Regal Dulles Town Center
21100 Dulles Town Circle
Barbie (PG-13) 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:20-2:45
Oppenheimer (R) 12:00-3:55-7:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:00-2:50-5:40-8:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:30-4:10-5:30-6:45-9:10
Jawan (Hindi) 12:45-4:20-8:15
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:30-3:25
The Nun II (R) 12:10-1:15-4:00-7:00-9:00-9:25
Talk to Me (R) 8:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:45-4:30-6:15-9:30
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
After Everything (R) 7:00
The Nun II (R) OC: 3:00

Regal Fairfax Towne Center
4110 West Ox Road
Barbie (PG-13) 1:00-3:30-6:10-8:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 1:20-3:40
Oppenheimer (R) 12:30-4:20-8:20
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:20-3:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:40-3:30-6:20-9:00
Jawan (Hindi) 1:10-4:50-8:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 8:40
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) 6:00
The Nun II (R) 2:50-5:40-8:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:00-12:50-3:00-5:10-7:20
Bottoms (R) 12:00-2:10-4:30-6:40-8:50
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
Mar3y El Breemo 2:20-5:00-7:40
The Nun II (R) OC: 12:10

Regal Fox & IMAX
22875 Brambleton Plaza
Mastaney (Punjabi) 3:05-6:45-10:10
Jailer (Tamil) 12:50-5:20-9:25
Jawan (Hindi) 12:10-4:45-9:05
Jawan (Telugu) 1:20-9:45
Jawan (Tamil) 5:50
The Nun II (R) 12:15-3:00-6:00-9:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:15-3:25-9:50
Gadar 2 (Hindi) 2:30-6:10-9:55
Kushi (Telugu) 1:15-5:30-9:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50
Bottoms (R) 12:25-3:20-10:05
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 12:30-4:50-8:30
Christine 40th Anniversary (R) 7:00
Jawan: The IMAX 2D Experience 2:45-6:30-10:15
After Everything (R) 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) 12:25-3:30-6:35-9:40
The Nun II (R) 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:55-4:00-7:00-10:00

Regal Kingstowne & RPX
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center
Barbie (PG-13) 12:55-3:25-6:20-8:50
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 2:20
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:15-2:30
Oppenheimer (R) 12:05-3:40-7:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 1:25-4:10-6:55
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:45-3:10-4:10-5:35-6:35-8:20-9:05
Elemental (PG) 1:45
Jawan (Hindi) 12:00-3:25
Jawan (Telugu) 4:20-7:40
Jawan (Tamil) 1:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 1:15-4:05-7:05
The Nun II (R) 6:50-9:15
Kushi (Telugu) 12:20-3:40-7:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:50-3:00-5:10-7:20
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 4:45-8:05
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:25
Jawan (Hindi) 1:20-4:40-8:10
The Nun II (R) 12:10-3:05-6:05-9:00; 5:05-5:55-8:00-8:30; 2:10

Regal Manassas & IMAX
11380 Bulloch Drive
Barbie (PG-13) 12:20-3:20-6:10-8:50
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Sound of Freedom (PG-13) 12:00
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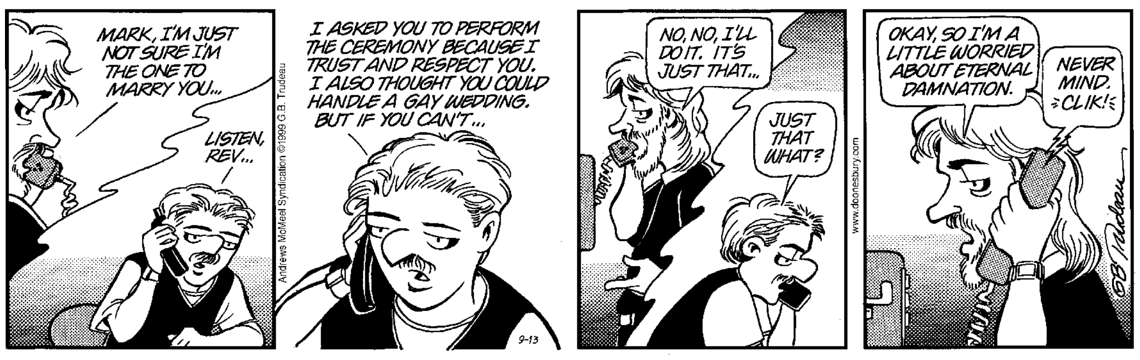
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Smithsonian - Airbus IMAX Theater
14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway
Journey to Space (NR) 10:20-1:05-3:50-5:00
Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas 12:25-4:25
To Fly! (1976) (NR) 10:55-1:45-3:15
Blue Planet (Il pianeta azzurro) (NR) 11:30AM
The Dream is Alive (NR) 2:25

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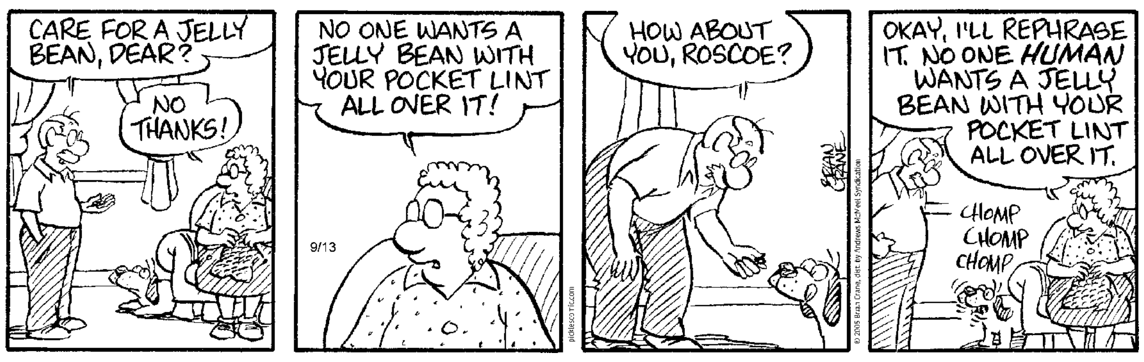
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GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES

BRIAN CRANE



BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ J 10
♥ J 10 8 5
♦ Q 10 9 3
♣ Q J 10

WEST
♠ Q 7 6 4 2
♥ 4
♦ 6 5 2
♣ 7 5 4 2

EAST (D)
♠ K 5 3
♥ K 9 7 6 2
♦ A 7
♣ A 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A 9 8
♥ A Q 3
♦ K J 8 4
♣ K 9 8

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1 ♥	1 NT	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	All Pass	

Opening lead — ♠ 4

"Did you ever join the Society of Procrastinators?" I asked Cy the Cynic in the club lounge.

"Heard from them last week," Cy said. "They wished me a Happy 2022."

Cy is skilled in the art of keeping up with yesterday. When he played at today's 3NT, West led a low spade: jack, king. Cy knew he could get two spade tricks by taking his ace immediately, but he had his reputation as a procrastinator to protect; he let the king win and ducked the spade return.

The Cynic won the third spade, forced out East's ace of diamonds, won the diamond exit and lost a club to East's ace. Later Cy finessed in hearts for nine tricks.

Cy fails if he wins the first spade. If he leads a diamond next, East wins and returns a spade, and West ducks. Cy will have only eight tricks, and when East takes the ace of clubs, he leads his last spade, and West takes three spades.

Cy's play was indicated: West probably had five spades, and East's opening bid marked him with the minor-suit aces.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ K 5 3 ♥ K 9 7 6 2
♦ A 7 ♣ A 6 3

You open one heart. Your partner bids one spade. What do you say?

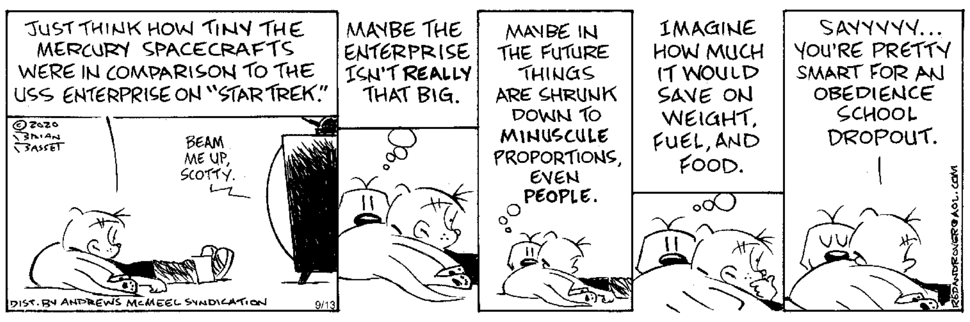
ANSWER: To bid 1NT to show a minimum balanced hand would not be a mistake. A rebid of two hearts would be; it would promise six or more hearts. Raise to two spades. In my experience, auctions are easier when a trump suit is suggested promptly. True, partner's spades may not be robust, but then no better contract may be available.

— Frank Stewart

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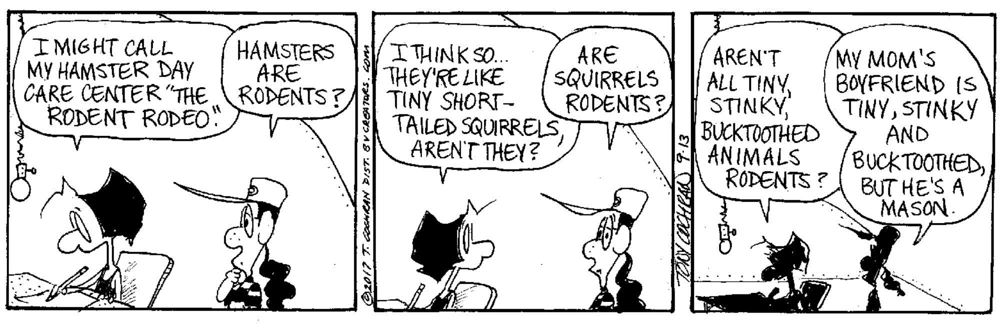
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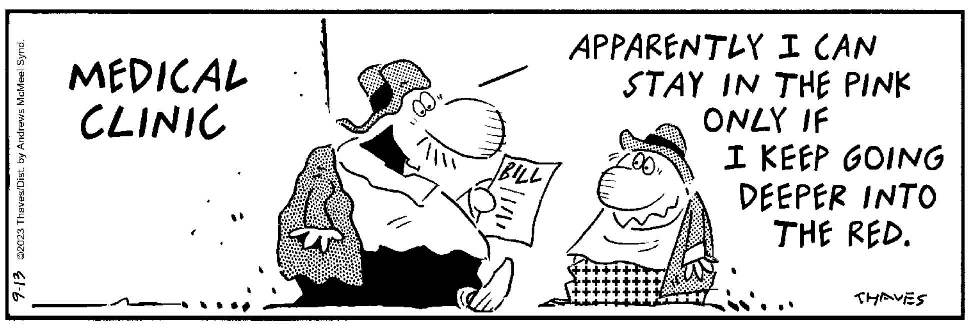
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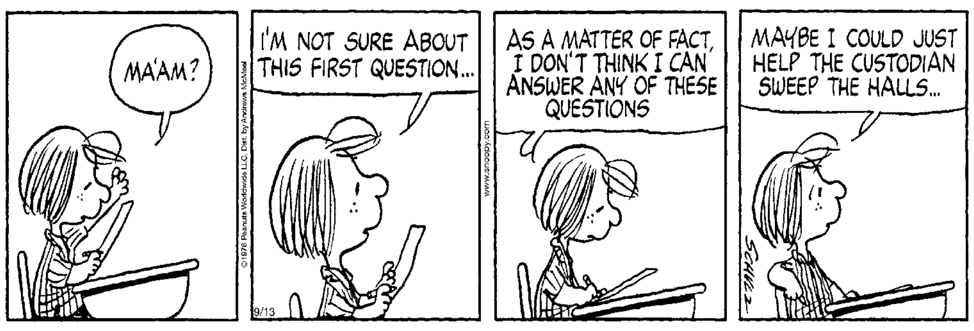
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MIKE LESTER



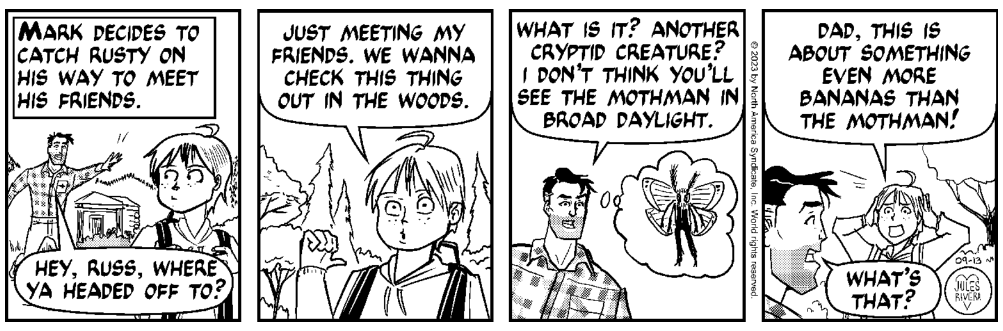
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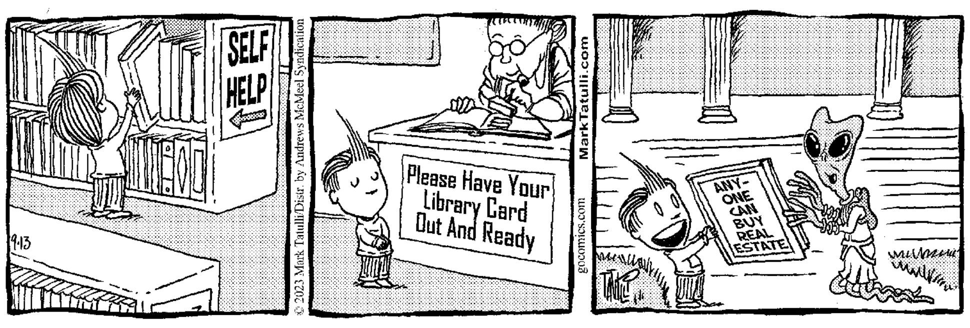
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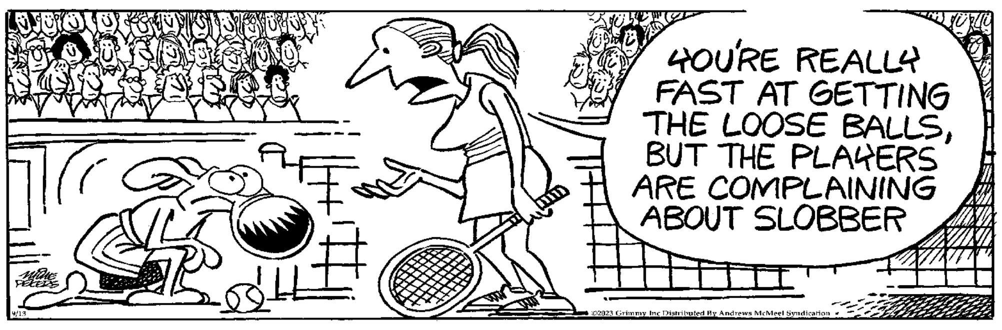
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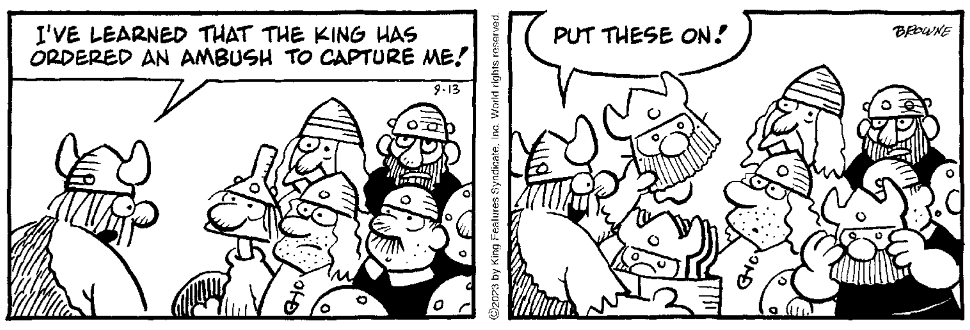
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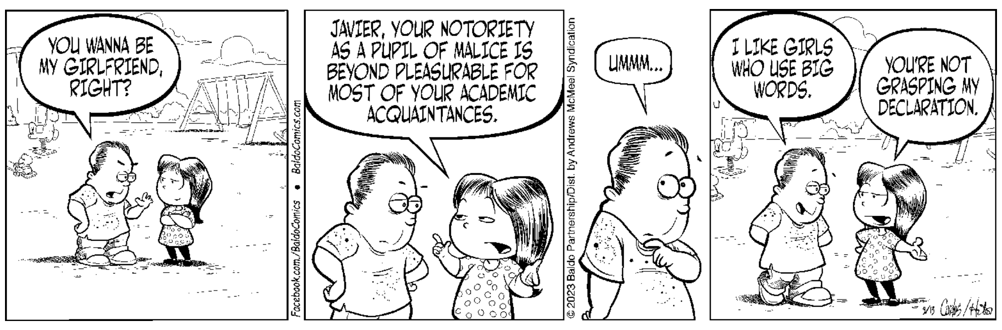
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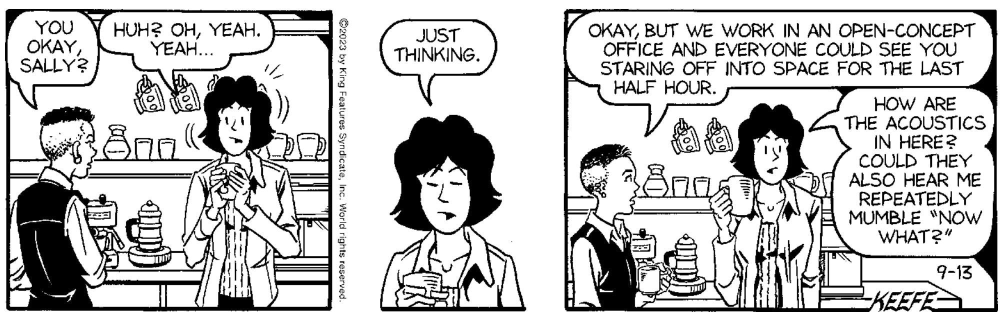
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DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL



SALLY FORTH

FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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	1	4		8				5
		1	2			9		
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9				2		1	6	
2			3	5				
		7		6				3

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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RACK 2: O1 U1 P3 R1 T1 R1 C3 — Triple Word Score

RACK 3: A1 I1 G2 B3 T1 D2 N1

RACK 4: A1 I1 O1 P3 R1 L1 B3 — 3rd Letter Double

PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 217
FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

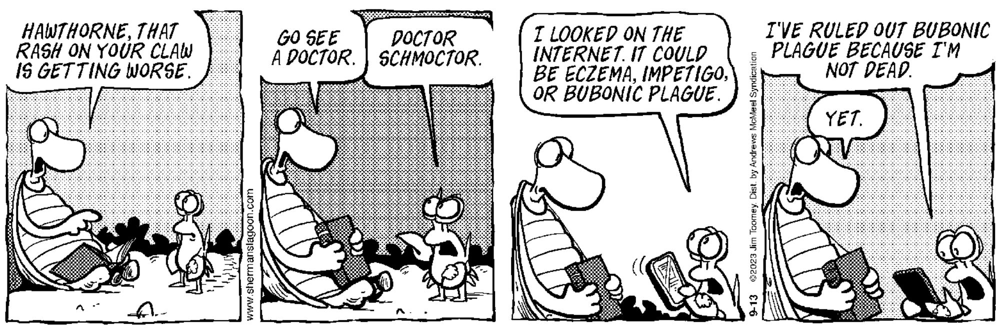
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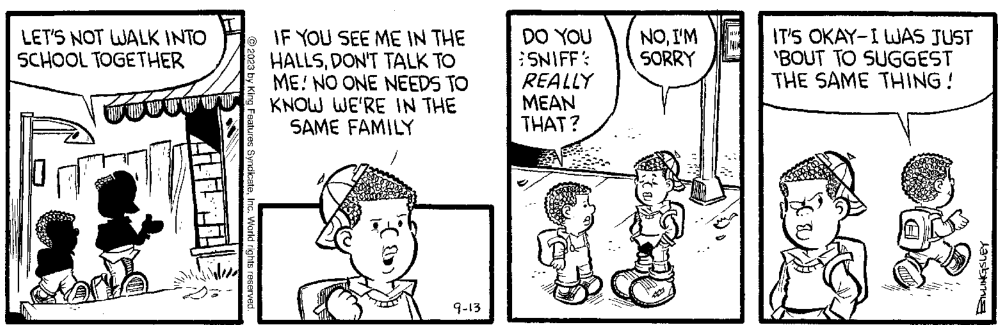
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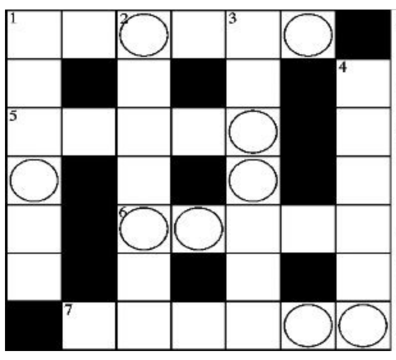
CURTIS

RAY BILLINGSLEY



JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



9-13-23

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Idris Elba TV show	HJKAIC
5. Not allowed	BAOOT
6. Chuckle	LGAHU
7. Convert into cash	DEEERM

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Headwear fastener	HAINPT
2. Anniversary	UJBEILE
3. Cessation	ECURSLO
4. Understand	MFHOTA

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

CLUE: He served as the 13th speaker of the House of Representatives (1835–1839).

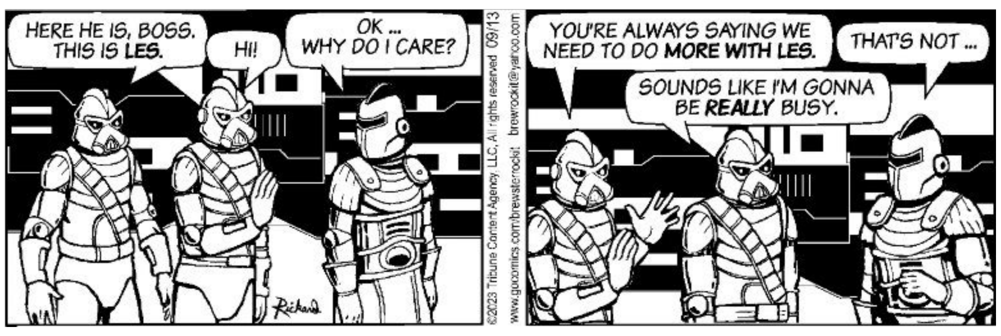
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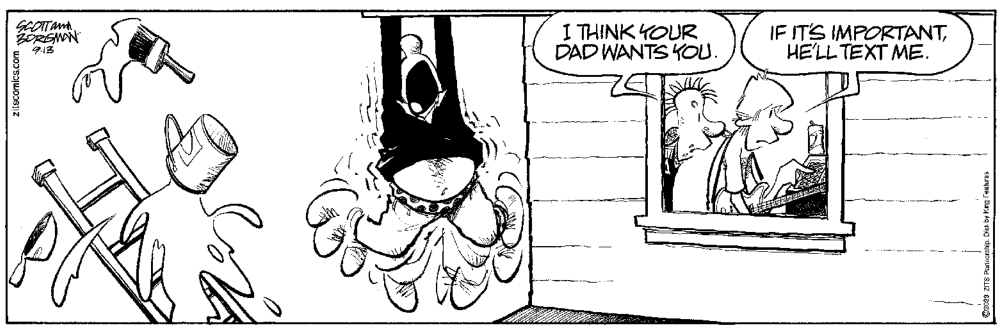
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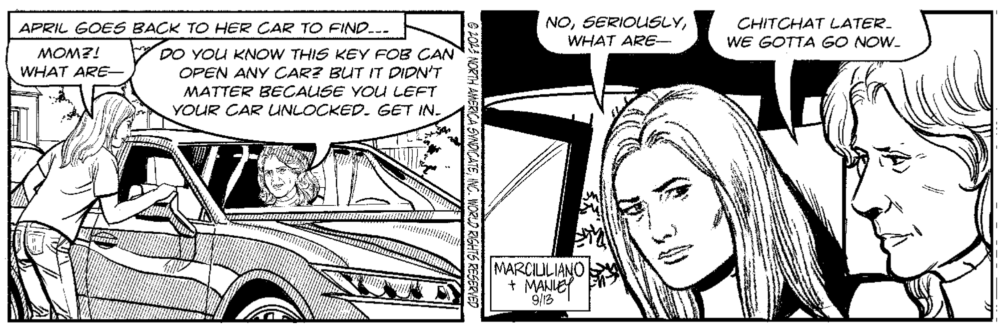
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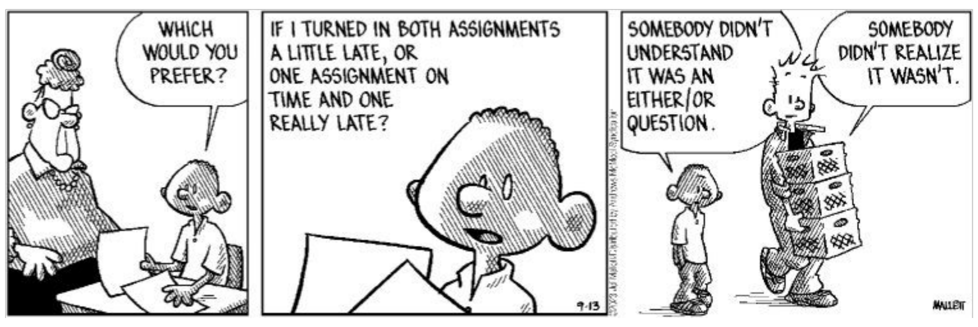
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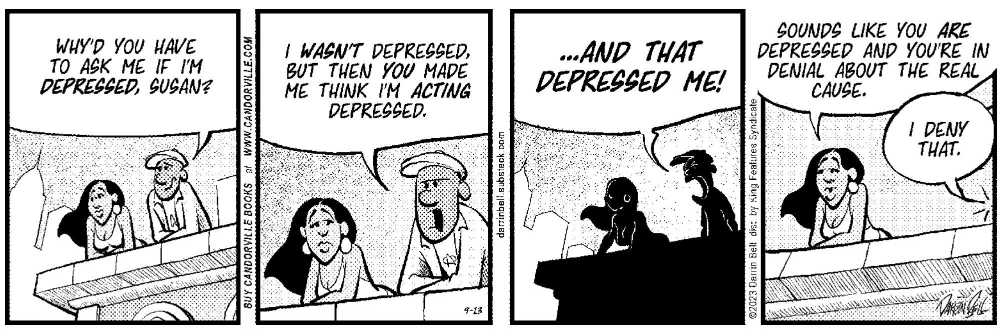
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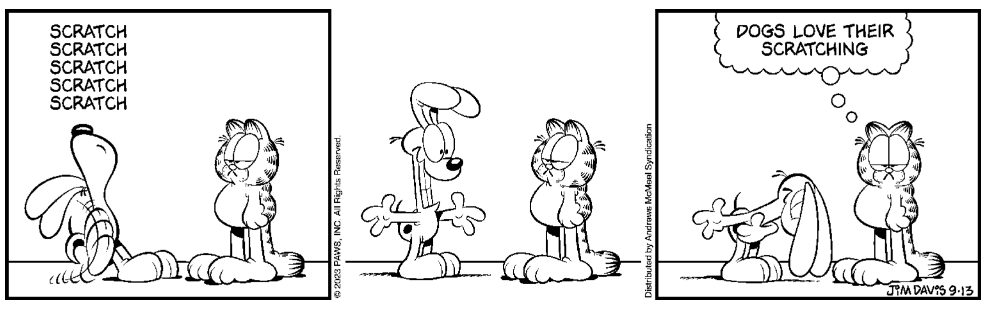
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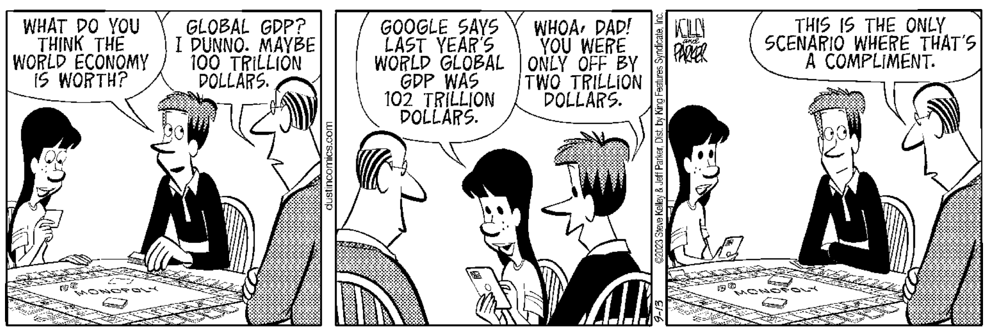
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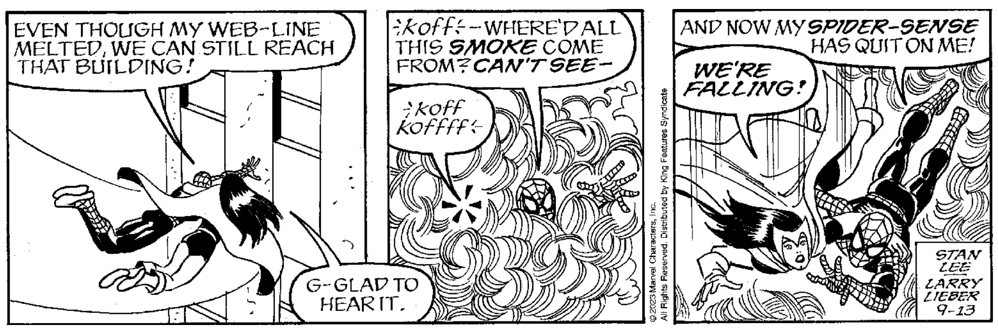
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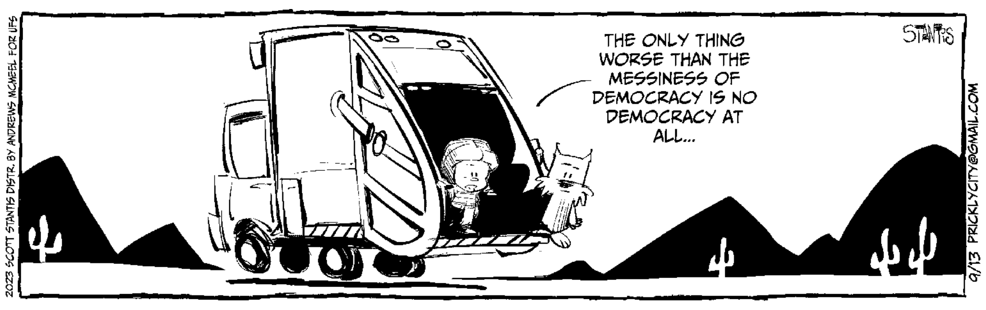
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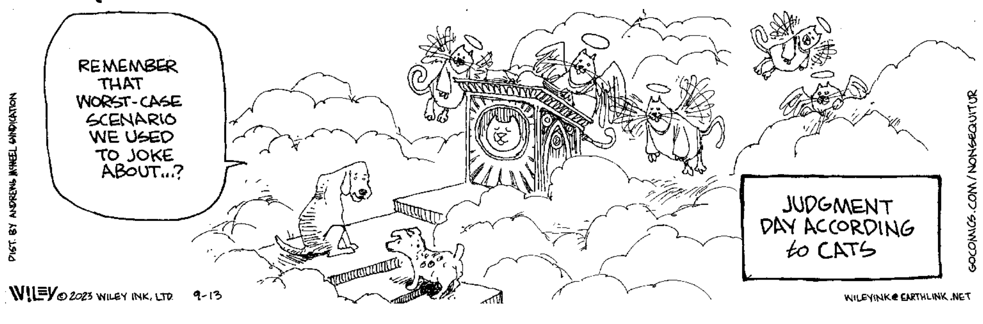
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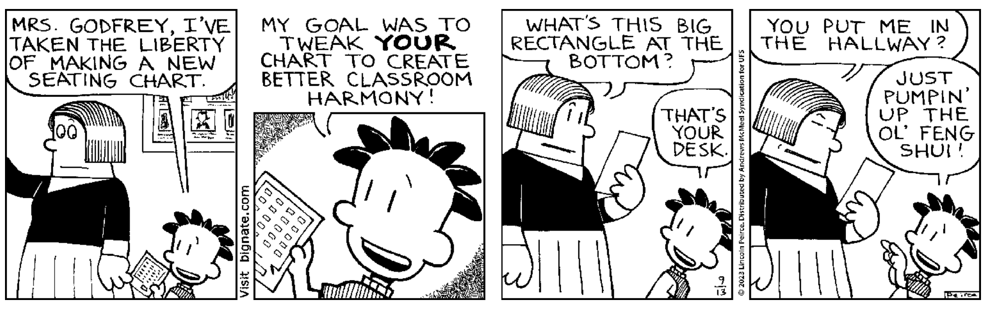
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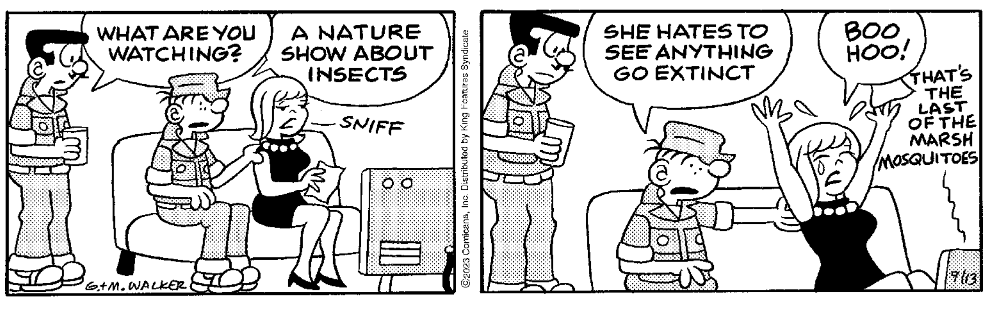


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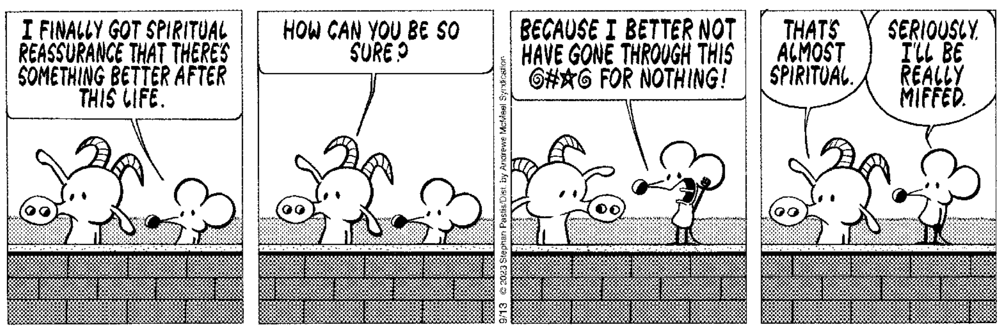


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BEETLE BAILEY GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE STEPHAN PASTIS



HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | SEPTEMBER 13

You're passionate and focused, and you dedicate yourself to your work. You have amazing powers of concentration. This year is slower paced. It's time for you to rest and rejuvenate your energies. Focus on relationships, especially with people who are kind and helpful to you.

Moon Alert: After 1:30 a.m. today, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Virgo.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
This is a poor day to talk to supervisors. Very likely, the response of authority figures will be, "Talk to the hand." Knowing this ahead of time, postpone these talks for another day when what you have to say will be better received.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
Romantic couples might be at loggerheads today. This could pertain to arguments about shared expenses or the division of labor. You also might have quarrels with your kids.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
Family conversations will be difficult today because parents or people in authority might squelch your ideas or plans. Step gingerly and savor small victories. Perhaps a better approach is to go slowly until you get what you want.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Something might hold you back today. It could literally be legal restrictions or difficulties related to travel, learning or something to do with publishing, the media or medicine.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
You might encounter some difficulties with financial matters today, whether it's purchasing something or an issue related to your earnings. The bottom line is that some kind of authority figure will block your ideas.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
You might be talkative today because you're finely tuned in to everything around you. You are alert and sensitive to everything. This is why you might feel discouraged by a close friend or partner if they rain on your parade.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
You might encounter difficulties when dealing with your daily tasks or your job today. Most likely, this will relate to legal restrictions or rules and regulations. Or possibly, someone older or in a position of authority will put the kibosh on your ideas.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
You might have the opportunity to have an insightful, meaningful conversation with someone today. Nevertheless, something might create difficulties or judgments, which eclipses the potential for anything to really take place.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
Discussions with authority figures might be challenging today. Ironically, you are mentally fine-tuned and clued in. Nevertheless, someone else might shoot you down or refuse to hear you, which is frustrating.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
Avoid philosophical discussions, and especially steer clear of controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, if possible.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Financial discussions might be difficult. Likewise, you might encounter obstructions to your efforts to buy something. Since this is a matter of timing, and the Moon today is opposite stern Saturn, why not wait until tomorrow when the opposition to your ideas is less?

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
You might feel lonely or cut off from others today. It might be difficult to communicate. Without knowing, you might be sending out signals to others to declare that you don't want to be bothered.

— Georgia Nicols

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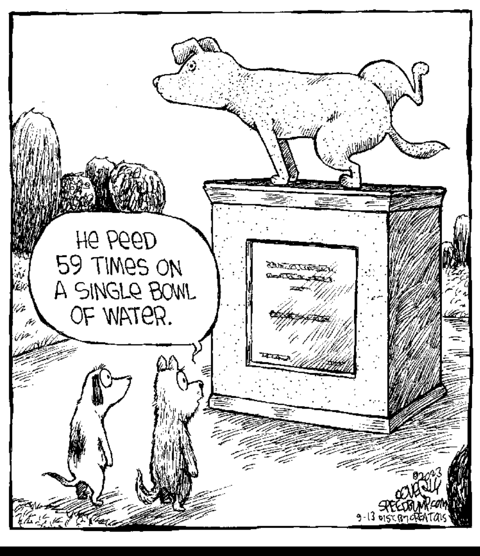
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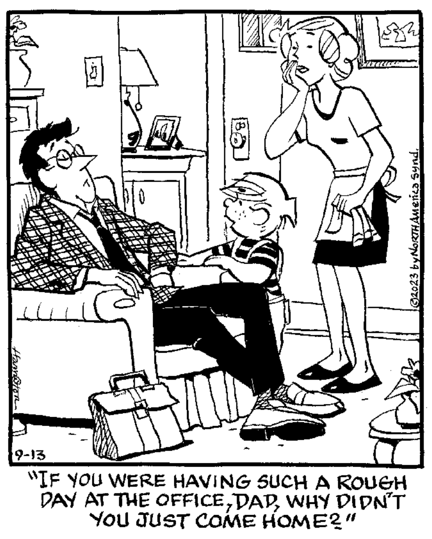
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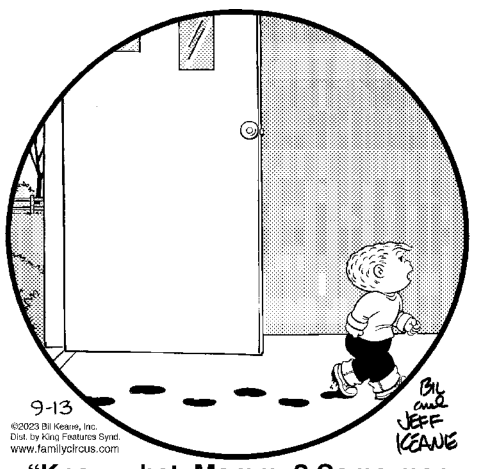
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"IF YOU WERE HAVING SUCH A ROUGH DAY AT THE OFFICE, DAD, WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST COME HOME?"

FAMILY CIRCUS BIL KEANE


"Know what, Mommy? Some men are putting black stuff on the street."

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS





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Taking on D.C.'s rat problem with dogs bred for the hunt





TOP: Adams Morgan nightlife intersects with the scrappy band of rat-hunting dogs on the sidewalk. CENTER: Rats run from behind trash cans as the hunters approach. D.C. is on track to receive a record number of service requests for rat infestations in 2023. ABOVE: Star and Pebbles tear apart a rat they caught behind a dumpster in Chinatown.

RAT HUNTERS FROM **C1**

immaculately groomed and have won prizes at major dog shows. She started letting them hunt rats as a test of their abilities.

"If I'm going to advertise this dog as a good, quality Bedlington, it needs to be able to do its job," says Freeman. "I don't want to breed my terriers down to the point that they're nothing but a Yorkie."

And the dogs love to hunt.

"When I go to put on my rat-hunting clothes, they just start jumping up and down," says Freeman. "They start barking and running in circles, because they know they're going to get to go rat hunting."

The humans' rat-hunting clothes are a pair of thick-soled shoes (to navigate alleyways littered with broken glass), long pants that aren't too baggy ("We did have a rat run up one gal's pant leg"), and a custom shirt embroidered with "Ratscallions."

Is all this safe for the dogs? Mostly. They are vaccinated against leptospirosis, a common rat-borne disease, and because they shake the rats but don't eat them, they don't ingest poison that rats have eaten (if the owners see the poisonous fur powder in an area, they won't let their dogs hunt there). Rats do not carry rabies. The rats do occasionally bite the dogs or scratch a human; Storey, the border terrier owner, is a veterinarian who can administer first aid.

The Ratscallions invited The Washington Post along on one of their monthly Northwest Washington hunts on the condition that it not identify any specific locations. They don't want to embarrass any local businesses, anger the neighborhood's Business Improvement District or, perhaps most importantly, jeopardize the free parking they have been offered by one business for their services. The Post tagged along on a second hunt with the Renegade Rebel Ratters, a weekly hunting group in Adams Morgan that shares two members with the Ratscallions.

The rat hunters' primary motivation, they say, is making their dogs happy. The free pest control for the city is a bonus. But the dogs aren't the only ones having fun. The humans see it as a team sport.

"There's the dog and the handler, there's the dogs that work together as a team, and then there's the handlers that have to work together as a team," says Bomani Mtume. He and his Cairn terrier, Barto, "have a great bond. We're like partners."

There is a choreography to catching rats. There are "push" dogs, who go into a rat-dense area first and scare the rats out of hiding, and there are "catch" dogs, who wait nearby and pounce, lightning-fast, to snap them up and shake. On both hunts, a miniature dachshund named Dickie — short and stumpy, good at fitting in tight spots — was the push dog. He is so cute that, back on the street, semi-inebriated 20-somethings regularly stoop down to pet him, not knowing that he has just been waist-deep in garbage. His owner, who has an impish streak, rarely stops them.

"Ooh, a little wiener!" says one group of young women that encountered him on the street in Adams Morgan.

"Hey, it's a big wiener," retorts his owner, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because — well, we'll get to that later.

They're a funny trio, the Renegade Rebel Ratters: Little (er, Big) Dickie, scrappy Barto, and Henry, a lurcher — that's a greyhound mix, formerly notorious for its association with poaching — ambling the streets and alleyways of Adams Morgan, past an abandoned, broken toilet and cans marked "Solo basura." Restaurant workers on their cigarette breaks take in the scene as Henry enthusiastically flings a dead rat at his handler and onlookers. Inside, the ding of a bell indicates that a food order is up.

Restaurant workers aren't the only spectators. The owner of a nearby store called Grindstone — who spoke on the condition of being identified only as Grindstone, too — begins to tail the group, broadcasting the scene live on Instagram. They've entered a narrow, stinky alleyway, with several dumpsters and a propane tank rack positioned above a well of stairs leading to a basement entrance. After a day of rain, the concrete at the bottom of the steps is slick with mud and trash sludge.

"They're all going to fly to the bottom step," says Henry's owner, Marshall Feinberg, who seems to have a keen understanding of rat psychology. The Renegade Rebel Ratters all take their positions: Feinberg and Dickie's owner by the dumpsters and rack, Henry at the top of the steps, Mtume and Barto at the bottom of the steps, and Dickie racing around in between. Feinberg shakes the rack, and the rats come flying.

"Oh s---! ... Look at them motherf---ers!" says Grindstone to his Instagram followers. "This is crazy, dog. Why am I back here?"

Meanwhile, Barto is up to his elbows in mud and shaking out rats, one after another.

"That little dog is wrecking them," narrates Grindstone.

Each shake of the rack or a dumpster lid produces more rats. Henry catches the ones who flee through the alley, and Barto catches the ones who try to escape down the steps. By the time the rats stop coming, Barto has personally killed nine. By the end of the night in Adams Morgan, they collectively kill 25.

"These dogs are vicious, man," says Grindstone, wrapping up his Live and preparing to return to a silent disco down the street.

"They're just doing what they're made to do," says Mtume.

Do you feel bad for the rats? Maybe we should, because it's our fault there are so many of them. Rats proliferate in areas where there is poor trash management. Open dumpsters are a buffet. Unkempt properties are welcoming nests. If humans cleaned up after themselves better, then there wouldn't be as many rats for these dogs to kill.

Think of it as a nature documentary. It's the natural order of things, like when a lion takes down a gazelle. Imagine Werner Herzog's voice: *The rat is prey, the dog is predator, the "common denominator of the universe is not harmony but chaos, hostility and murder."*

If rats must be killed — which they must, in a city where they can spread disease, damage property and chew through electrical wires — the ratters say that the jaws of a dog is the most humane way possible. Glue traps sentence the rat to a painful death of starvation. Poison, one of the most common methods of killing rats, is no kinder. It causes organ failure and internal hemorrhage, a process that can take up to two weeks.

"You time the death of a rat, using rat poison, with a calendar," says Freeman, the Ratscallions ringleader. "You can time the death of a rat in the jaws of a predator using a stopwatch. It's usually less than five seconds. Tell me: What's more humane?"

A rat that is being shaken to death usually has its spine quickly

SEE **RAT HUNTERS** ON **C10**



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RAT HUNTERS FROM **C9**

snapped. Some dogs aren't shakers, though — they're "crushers." The rats that meet their end in the jaws of Henry have it worse, momentarily — they might die of disembowelment, or a pulverized skull.

One might argue that it's a fair fight. Rats are incredibly smart, with a strong survival drive. Many of them are faster than the dogs. They flee up walls and through cracks that are too small for dogs' snouts. They fight back, sinking their teeth into soft muzzles, in one instance leaving Henry spewing blood. But once they're in a dog's jaws, it's over.

Unsurprisingly, animal welfare groups say the practice is barbaric. "Groups train dogs to kill rats as a blood sport, not in any way as an effective control measure," says Catie Cryer, a media relations manager for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. "Rats mean no harm and are simply trying to eke out an existence like the rest of us."

"Killing rodents in this way is animal cruelty and extremely inhumane," says Samantha Miller, acting director of communications for D.C.'s Humane Rescue Alliance, which has a program that enlists feral cats to roam the streets as nonlethal rat deterrent.

"They're entitled to their opinion," says Bill Reyna, the New Yorker. "We'll just keep killing rats."

The city has been aware of the hunters, who once met with Brown, D.C.'s rodent czar, to tell him about their activities (*not* to ask permission, he wants to make clear). "I'm open to anything that's legal that'll help us reduce the risks to people getting some kind of disease or property damage," Brown says.

But is rat hunting legal?

On this, the city is clear: No. (That — and the fact that some of the hunters unleash their dogs in public, another violation of D.C. law — is why some of these rat catchers still like to remain anonymous.)

The D.C. code "protects an animal's existence, including a rodent, and specially states: An owner or custodian of a dog shall not direct, encourage, cause, allow, aid, or assist that dog to threaten, charge, bite or attack a person or other animal," a spokesman for D.C. Health writes in an email. The penalty ranges from $500 to $1,000, and enforcement is up to the Humane Rescue Alliance.

"We investigate every allegation of animal cruelty reported to us and make decisions regarding enforcement based on the findings of those investigations," says Miller, of the Humane Rescue Alliance.

"The only interaction we've had with the cops was positive," says Mtume, Barto's owner. "They came up and said, 'Thank you for your service.'" He suspects the city is wary of the positive publicity the rat hunters have earned.

"I think we would be a fantastic reason to change the law," says Freeman, who considers the city's method of rat killing to be more cruel than hers. "There are a lot of things that are illegal that make no sense whatsoever."

Though animal-cruelty laws protect the rights of all animals, there seems to be an unspoken understanding that rats don't count. The hunting groups say that they have never been stopped by a cop. They conduct their activities late at night (because rats are nocturnal) but in the open. They have Facebook pages. They are hailed as heroes by some pedestrians who encounter their dogs on the streets.

"They're catching the rats! Yay, good job, guys!" says one woman who spots them on 18th Street NW.

ABOVE: Bomani Mtume, 60, and his dog Bartholomew, who goes by Barto, check to see whether any rats are hiding in a Chinatown trash can. BELOW: The group, which calls themselves the Ratscallions, heads down an alleyway in Northwest Washington. The members have nicknames for many of the most rat-dense spots in the city. BOTTOM: Jigs, left, and Flavia are dipped into a fountain to cool off on a hot night of hunting.





The Ratscallions have little nicknames for the most rat-dense spots in this other, unnamed Northwest neighborhood. The nickname for one eatery? "Ratcakes." Another restaurant cluster is called "the Kingdom of the Rats." On this particular hunt, after a small massacre on the same block as a restaurant famous for hosting politicians, the group's final stop will be "Hell's Alley."

"You'll never be the same" after seeing it, Freeman says.

The neighborhoods where these dogs patrol will never be the same either, she promises. Though the amount of rats they kill is small in the grand scheme of things — the Adams Morgan group holds a one-night record at 47 — fear motivates the rats to make their homes elsewhere.

"It just disrupts their breeding program," says Freeman. "They'll abandon their homes. We'll see entire populations just move." The Ratscallions don't even go to some of the alleys they used to visit when they were starting out because, they claim, there aren't enough rats there anymore.

"Oh, here it is," says Freeman, shuddering. "Welcome."

Hell's Alley has a narrow entryway that winds around a corner and opens up into a bigger lot full of dumpsters and poorly kept backyards for commercial properties, including a cannabis shop. There is broken glass and debris and plenty of dirt for rats to burrow through. Futile rat traps can be spotted in the corners. Part of the space is covered in a green artificial carpet that reeks of urine and is pockmarked with rat burrows.

Immediately the dogs get to work. Parts of the alley are so narrow that the dogs disappear into them, their presence marked only by the sound of panting. "Get in there!" says Mtume to Barto. "Good boy, good boy."

The rats scramble for cover, racing to their burrows. The unlucky ones hide behind pieces of trash, where Dickie the dachshund promptly finds them and sends them into six sets of eager canine jaws.

"I got one in the corner!" Reyna says.

"This is like fish in a barrel," Mtume says.

"You haven't lived until you've been here when it's raining," says Freeman. "The smell."

Suddenly, a rat springs out of its hiding spot and ricochets off Freeman's shin. Even though she has been a witness to countless rat-based horrors over the last five years, she shrieks. In the chaos, they have lost track of how many rats die in Hell's Alley, but a cursory count reveals at least 10. As they walk back — after they've collected the bodies, which necessitate a second bag — she realizes that the flying rat scratched her skin, and she cleans her shin with antiseptic.

"It was nothing compared to the incident at Kingdom of the Rats," she says, where a rat once bit her hand.

Once the dogs go home, all of them will be vigorously bathed and their teeth will be brushed.

"For the first 12 hours, I don't let him lick me," Mtume says of Barto, who still gets to sleep in the bed.

Back at the parking lot that serves as home base, two bags of rat carcasses are dumped out on the pavement. It's time for the trophy shot and, because it's the fifth anniversary of when they started to hunt together, they've decided to arrange the rats in the shape of a 5. The first attempt looks more like an S, though, so Reyna gets in there — sans gloves — and reshapes the bodies. The final count is 33.

The Ratscallions all pile behind the rat carnage. The well-trained dogs sit patiently for the picture. No one says "Cheese."

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TENNIS
Simona Halep, a French Open and Wimbledon champ once ranked No. 1, is given a four-year doping ban. **D2**

PRO FOOTBALL
Now down Tom Brady and Aaron Rodgers, the NFL hits Week 2 in a strange new reality, Mark Maske writes. **D4**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
A new team is atop our weekly rankings. For the first time since 2017, that squad is from a public school. **D7**



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Sun forward Alyssa Thomas set a WNBA record with six triple-doubles this season and led the league with 9.9 rebounds per game.

She has it all

After year of highlights on and off the court, all-around star Thomas leads Sun into playoffs

BY KAREEM COPELAND

DeWanna Bonner couldn't understand where they were going, but she knew it was messing up her schedule. She had big plans for her and Alyssa Thomas to celebrate the couple being on the same team in the WNBA All-Star Game, and what better place to turn up than Las Vegas?

The problem was Thomas was dragging them off the main stretch of the Las Vegas Strip for some appearance set up by her agent. They headed to the JW Marriott northwest of the main Vegas boulevard, 12 miles away. Bonner had so many questions: Where were they going? Why was it so far away? Why did Thomas want Bonner to walk into the venue first?

"The whole time I'm just [losing it] on her," Bonner said. ". . . I'm like, 'Who the hell has an appearance outside in Vegas at the pool?' This is not making sense to me. And then I saw the flowers and stuff, and I'm like, 'Oh, my God, I'm so sorry.' "

Surrounded by palm trees, red roses and candles, Thomas dropped to one knee, broke out a diamond ring and proposed. The Connecticut Sun teammates started dating in 2020 during the pandemic bubble season and had talked about this moment, but Bonner wanted to wait until she was recovered from wrist surgery. She was caught completely off-guard during the midsummer break.

"It was already a big moment just for us to both be at all-star together," Thomas said. "She had worked so hard in the offseason to even get back to this point. So that was a big deal. And then being engaged, something we talked about for a while, finally happened. To finally find your person like that is a big deal."

The engagement was just one piece of a wild year for the pair but Thomas in particular. The four-time all-star has taken her game to another level, inserting herself into the WNBA MVP race and keeping the Sun near the top

SEE THOMAS ON D16

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Game 1: Friday, 9:30 p.m., ESPN2

Reality forces a sudden end to optimism of Rodgers era



Jerry Brewer

The party lasted four plays. Months of hope and rapture, all those Lombardi Trophy dreams, toppled along with Aaron Rodgers.

On a Monday night intended to celebrate his official arrival, the legend ran onto the field as the New York Jets' quarterback during pregame introductions, carrying an American flag to honor those who lost their lives Sept. 11, 2001. The MetLife Stadium lights were low, and somehow the atmosphere seemed equal parts solemn, raucous and iconic. After 18 Hall of Fame-worthy years in Green Bay, Rodgers wore a different shade of green, but the opponent envy must have felt the same. He was the show as usual, which meant the Jets mattered, at last.

Then, moments later, Buffalo Bills pass rusher Leonard Floyd wrapped up Rodgers, who couldn't spin out of a sack. Rodgers rose, put his hands on his hips, looked toward the sideline and took a seat again on the turf. He lifted his legs and rested on his back. And for the rest of the night, he needed assistance — the shoulders of two medical staffers to guide him off the field, a cart to escort him to the X-ray room, a walking boot that will soon become an indispensable part of his wardrobe.

There is no envy anymore, only sympathy — and disappointment. As feared, Rodgers suffered a torn Achilles' tendon when his left foot got twisted and stuck in the turf.

"It's not good," Jets Coach Robert Saleh said Monday night.

No matter how polarizing Rodgers has become, the NFL is more entertaining when he's being cool, kooky or clutch. Since becoming a starter 15 years ago, Rodgers has been a durable superstar, always lurking and seemingly unbothered. He has missed significant time twice, because of broken collarbones suffered in 2013 and 2017. Despite tussling with Father Time, he had played in all but one game the previous five seasons. Now, at 39, he has suffered the gnarliest setback of his career.

Well, at least the Jets will always have "Hard Knocks."

They couldn't have imagined this scenario: An HBO reality show that they really didn't want to do could end up being the bright spot of their season. The training camp documentary was a love letter to Rodgers and persuasive evidence that these are not the same, defective Jets.

New York proved the latter by outlasting Buffalo, 22-16 in

SEE BREWER ON D3

Inside: A torn left Achilles' tendon ends Aaron Rodgers's season. **D3**

Palacios says hello again to the Nats

PIRATES 5, NATIONALS 1

BY ANDREW GOLDEN

PITTSBURGH — This time a year ago, Joshua Palacios was wearing a Washington Nationals jersey and striving to prove he belongs in the big leagues. On Tuesday night, Palacios was wearing a Pittsburgh Pirates jersey and striving to prove he belongs in the big leagues. By launching a two-run homer in the second inning against Joan Adon, he helped the home team beat his old team, 5-1, at PNC Park.

"I don't even know how to explain it," Adon said of his outing, in which he lasted four-plus innings but 14 Pirates reached base. "I felt good, but they were just hitting my pitches and seeing everything very well."

Palacios got Pittsburgh going in his first at-bat, slugging a two-run shot to center. The 28-year-old had been designated for assignment by the Toronto Blue Jays in April 2022. The Nationals, who liked his contact skills, claimed him off waivers in the hope that his power would come. He finally got his chance after last year's trade deadline — he replaced Juan Soto in right field Aug. 2, the day of the blockbuster that sent Soto to San Diego.

As a rebuilding club near the bottom of the standings, the Nationals have the luxury of diving deep into the waiver wire in

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Balogun, Pepi strike right chord as U.S. rolls

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BY STEVEN GOFF

ST. PAUL, MINN. — Over the next 2½ years, as the World Cup draws near and Gregg Berhalter sets the course for the U.S. men's national team, the issue of who will top the depth chart at striker will remain high on the agenda. But in these early days of the 2026 World Cup cycle, Folarin Balogun and Ricardo Pepi are beginning to make their case.

On Tuesday, Balogun scored for the second time in his nascent U.S. career and Pepi posted his sixth goal in six appearances this year as the Americans rolled to a 4-0 victory over Oman in a friendly at Allianz Field.

Balogun's decision in the spring to ditch the English program for the U.S. team brought a promising 22-year-old talent from the Arsenal system into the fold. (He's now with Monaco.) Pepi, a 20-year-old employed by PSV Eindhoven in the Netherlands, is finding his stride again after being left off the 2022 World Cup team.

The striker competition comes after Berhalter used an array of candidates before and during the World Cup in Qatar but never found an answer to the Americans' void at that critical position.

"You always want your forwards scoring goals," Berhalter said. "Our job, as teammates and as coaches, is to put them in positions to score goals. That's the important thing, and then leave it up to them."

As the competition for playing time escalates, Berhalter will monitor how his strikers perform

SEE U.S. SOCCER ON D2

Disgraced Briles's presence is troubling

On Football

STEVEN GODFREY

Let's lead with what apparently bears repeating: Art Briles was fired as the football coach at Baylor in 2016 after an independent investigation of multiple sexual assaults involving Baylor student-athletes concluded Briles and his staff did not report their knowledge of those incidents to authorities.

According to the investigation, the leadership of the football team "hindered enforcement of rules and policies, and created a cultural perception that football was above the rules."

On Saturday evening, Oklahoma offensive coordinator (and former Baylor assistant) Jeff Lebby stood defiant in front of the Sooners' press corps when pressed on the attendance of his father-in-law, Briles, who was spotted on the Sooners' sideline after their win over SMU wearing Oklahoma apparel.

"That's my father-in-law," Lebby told reporters. "So he's the grandfather to my two kids. So he was down with our entire family after the game, well after the game, but he was down there with the entire family."

When pressed by a reporter who stated, "Jeff, I think there's going to be people who have . . ." Lebby interjected: "Again, he's with his entire family. That's my father-in-law. That's the grandfather to my two kids."

By Monday afternoon, Lebby's stance and tone had predictably changed, after both Oklahoma Coach Brent Venables and Athletic Director Joe Castiglione expressed a mix of concern and confusion at Briles's presence Saturday night. Lebby issued an apology, specifically (and only) for "something that created a distraction."

Believe what Lebby is saying: that it won't happen again, namely because Lebby, considered a head coaching candidate someday soon, cannot professionally afford a career-afflicting moment such as this again and because his bosses at Oklahoma are angry with him.

Believe what Lebby is *telling* you, too: Between Saturday night and Monday afternoon, Lebby changed the picture on his Instagram profile to that of himself, his two children and Briles posing on the field at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium. Briles is wearing an Oklahoma shirt in the photo.

Keep listening: A reasonable interpretation of Lebby's disposition and posture during his Saturday night comments

SEE ON FOOTBALL ON D3



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Ex-Baylor coach Art Briles joined Oklahoma assistant Jeff Lebby, his son-in-law, on the field Saturday after the Sooners' victory.

SOCCER ROUNDUP

After World Cup flop, U.S. women prepare to say goodbye and begin anew

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

Five weeks after its World Cup washout, the U.S. women's national soccer team Tuesday began pivoting toward the 2024 Paris Olympics by unveiling a 27-player roster for the first tests of the fall.

With all but two of the 23 World Cup players summoned for two friendlies against South Africa, the squad looks much the same as it did in New Zealand and Australia. (Sophia Smith and Kristie Mewis are injured.)

But four players who missed the World Cup roster cut will return: forward Ashley Hatch, midfielder Sam Coffey and defenders Tierna Davidson and Casey Krueger.

Interim coach Twila Kilgore also invited Mia Fishel, a 22-year-old forward from English club Chelsea, and Jaedyn Shaw, an 18-year-old forward in her second season with the NWSL's San Diego Wave.

Both have starred on youth national teams but have never played for the senior squad. Fishel starred for three seasons at UCLA, then signed with Mexican club Tigres before moving to England last month.

Shaw becomes the second player from the 2022 Under-20 World Cup squad, along with Alyssa Thompson, to receive a senior call-up. (Thompson, 18, was a member of the senior World Cup team this summer.) Multiple teenagers have not featured at a camp that includes matches since 2018.

"The Olympics may seem like they are far away, but the amount of time the players get with the national team between now and Paris is not a lot, so we need to start that journey now," Kilgore said in a statement.

Kilgore, a World Cup assistant, replaced Vlatko Andonovski, who stepped down about two weeks after the four-time champions lost in the round of 16, their earliest elimination from the sport's marquee tournament.

Kilgore will oversee the program until the U.S. Soccer Federation hires a permanent replacement.

The South Africa matches will be used to salute defender Julie Ertz and forward Megan Rapinoe, who have announced their retirements. Ertz, who has already stepped away from the NWSL, will bid farewell Sept. 21. Rapinoe, who is playing her final season with Seattle's OL Reign, will make her last U.S. appearance Sept. 24.

As the program celebrates Ertz's and Rapinoe's contributions, it will also look to get back on track. After the World Cup flop, the United States fell from FIFA's No. 1 ranking for the first time since 2017. The Americans are No. 3, behind Sweden and reigning champion Spain.

"As we continue the search for our new head coach, we felt it was best to call up all of the World Cup players who are fit to play, while also bringing in some players that we believe can help us moving forward as we start our preparations for the Olympics," USSF sporting director Matt Crocker said in a statement.

— Steven Goff

U.S. roster

Goalkeepers: Aubrey Kingsbury (Washington Spirit), Casey Murphy (North Carolina Courage), Alyssa Naeher (Chicago Red Stars).

Defenders: Alana Cook (OL Reign), Tierna Davidson (Chicago), Crystal Dunn (Portland Thorns), Emily Fox (North Carolina), Naomi Girma (San Diego Wave), Sofia Huerta (OL Reign), Casey Krueger (Chicago), Kelley O'Hara (Gotham FC), Emily Sonnett (Reign).

Midfielders: Sam Coffey (Portland), Savannah DeMelo (Racing Louisville), Julie Ertz (unattached), Lindsey Horan (Olympique Lyon), Rose Lavelle (Reign), Ashley Sanchez (Washington), Andi Sullivan (Washington).

Forwards: Mia Fishel (Chelsea), Ashley Hatch (Washington), Alex Morgan (San Diego), Megan Rapinoe (Reign), Trinity Rodman (Washington), Jaedyn Shaw (San Diego), Alyssa Thompson (Angel City), Lynn Williams (Gotham).

Luis Rubiales, former president of the Spanish soccer federation, was summoned to appear before a judge from the Spanish High National Court to testify as a defendant Friday. Prosecutors have accused Rubiales, who resigned from the federation Sunday, of sexual assault and coercion after forcing an unwanted kiss on midfielder Jennifer Hermoso during the World Cup trophy ceremony last month.

The court confirmed that Hermoso had not yet been called to testify. However, in a deposition she gave Sept. 5, she reiterated the kiss was not consensual and that she and her family had suffered "constant and reiterated pressure" from Rubiales and his professional environment, "with the purpose of publicly justifying and approving the act committed against her will," according to the public prosecutor.

Rubiales, who had been suspended by FIFA while the investigation is being conducted, stepped down Sunday as both president of the federation and a vice president of UEFA.

— Beatriz Ríos

Italy boosts its Euro '24 hopes

Luciano Spalletti engineered his first win as Italy's coach as the Azzurri beat Ukraine, 2-1, in Milan in a crucial European Championship qualifier thanks to two goals from Davide Frattesi.

Italy moved into second place in Group C, above Ukraine on head-to-head record. Both teams have seven points, six behind first-place England.

The win boosted Italy's chances of qualifying for Euro 2024 and defending its title — after the misery of failing to reach last year's World Cup. . . .

North Macedonia also moved to seven points after winning, 2-0, at Malta in Attard.

The top two finishers in each group will advance to the next round in qualifying. Germany will host Euro 2024. . . .

Romelu Lukaku hammered home two goals in as many minutes for Group F leader Belgium as it beat Estonia, 5-0, in Brussels.

The Belgians are tied with Austria with 13 points but lead on goal differential after Austria defeated Sweden, 3-1, in Stockholm, dealing a serious blow to the Swedes' hopes of qualifying for Euro 2024. Striker Marko Arnautovic notched two second-half goals. . . .

In Group A, Ferran Torres scored twice to help second-place Spain earn a 6-0 home win against last-place Cyprus in Granada, with Barcelona's Lamine Yamal becoming his country's youngest-ever starter at 16 years 61 days.

Spain has nine points and trails first-place Scotland by six with a game in hand. . . .

Erling Haaland and Martin Odegaard scored first-half goals as Norway beat Georgia, 2-1, in Oslo to stay two points behind Spain. . . .

In Group I, first-place Switzerland defeated visiting Andora, 3-0, in Sion. . . .

Second-place Romania beat visiting Kosovo, 2-0, in Bucharest to get to 12 points, two fewer than Switzerland.

The teams were taken off the field for 45 minutes in the first half when home fans aimed pro-Serbia chants at the visiting players.

Romania fans chanted and displayed a banner with the "Kosovo is Serbia" slogan, and the game was stopped after about 18 minutes. The score was 0-0.

Kosovo's declaration of independence from Serbia in 2008 is formally recognized by about 100 countries and the majority of European Union members though not Romania.

• **WORLD CUP QUALIFYING:** With Lionel Messi resting, first-place Argentina rolled over host Bolivia, 3-0, in La Paz in CONMEBOL region qualifying as Enzo Fernández, Nicolás Tagliafico and Nicolás González scored. . . .

Brazil is even with Argentina with six points (but leads on goal differential) through two matches, after Marquinhos scored in the 90th to beat Peru, 1-0, in Lima. . . .

Uruguay and Colombia failed to join Argentina and Brazil. Uruguay lost, 2-1, at Ecuador in Quito, and Colombia was held to a scoreless draw at Chile in Santiago. . . .

Host Venezuela beat Paraguay, 1-0, in Maturin.

— From news services

Berhalter gets strong look at strikers as Americans cruise

U.S. SOCCER FROM D1

with their clubs in Europe and MLS and how they do in U.S. camps. The next set of U.S. matches is in mid-October.

"Some of those are easy to measure because they're playing 90 minutes every week [with their clubs], and sometimes they're not and it becomes complicated," Berhalter said. "To me, it's more about how they work together [in U.S. camp], how they train, what their attitude is in camp and what they bring to the team when they're on the field."

With playing time scarce at PSV Eindhoven, Pepi understands the importance of taking advantage of opportunities in U.S. camp.

"I feel my job is to score some goals," said Pepi, who scored as a sub in a 3-0 victory over Uzbekistan on Saturday in St. Louis. "I feel like I did that, so obviously build some confidence. Good competition is always healthy, but I've just got to focus on myself."

After seeing near-costly giveaways and sloppy passing in portions of Saturday's match, Berhalter wanted to see better combination play and distribution from deep positions against 74th-ranked Oman. Midfielder Weston McKennie was in outstanding form, swinging long diagonal passes with precision placement.

As it did against Uzbekistan, when Tim Weah scored in the fourth minute, the 11th-ranked U.S. team went ahead early Tuesday. In the 13th minute, McKennie sent a cross-field pass to Weah, who touched the ball to right back Sergiño Dest for a booming one-timer from the top of the box. Keeper Ibrahim al-Mukhaini blocked the high threat but left the rebound for Balogun to drive into the net for his second goal in four appearances.



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Folarin Balogun, above, scored the second goal of his U.S. national team career as competition to top the depth chart at striker heated up.

For the second consecutive game, Pepi was a halftime sub for Balogun, who, amid the uncertainty of whether Arsenal would loan or sell him elsewhere in Europe, did not have a proper preseason to build up his fitness. He ended up moving to Monaco on Aug. 29 and debuted in the French first division four days later.

The Americans kept their grip on the match in the second half and, in the 60th minute, doubled their lead on substitute Brendan Aaronson's free kick from about 28 yards. As Aaronson struck the ball, the Omani wall disintegrated. It took a slight deflection, freezing Mukhaini, who was in position to make the save but failed to get behind the ball.

In the 79th minute, Pepi scored for the second consecutive game, turning at the top of the box and lacing a low shot into the far corner.

Two minutes later, Khalid al-Braiki pushed Kevin Paredes's cross into the Omani net for an own goal.

Here's what else to know about the United States' win:

What's next?

The U.S. schedule will intensify with friendlies against Germany on Oct. 14 in East Hartford, Conn., and Ghana on Oct. 17 in Nashville. The 2023-24 Concacaf Nations League quarterfinals — two legs against an opponent to be determined — are in late November. The home leg will be played Nov. 16 in Austin.

Back to clubs

Europe-based players boarded a charter late Tuesday night to return to their clubs so they could begin preparing for weekend league matches. The most notable is in Italy on Saturday with AC Milan (Christian Pulisic and Yunus Musah) facing 2023 Champions League runner-up Inter Milan at San Siro, the stadium they share.

Paredes, Cremaschi debut

Paredes, a 20-year-old winger from South Riding who plays for German club Wolfsburg after starting his career at D.C. United, made his national team debut. He entered in the 79th minute for Weah.

Ben Cremaschi, an 18-year-old midfielder for Inter Miami, debuted in the 71st minute. He is eligible for the United States and Argentina, and he has appeared in youth national team training camps for both countries. Because Tuesday's game was a friendly, his options remain open.

DIGEST

TENNIS

Doping violations lead to four-year Halep ban

Simona Halep, a two-time Grand Slam winner formerly ranked No. 1 in the world, was given a four-year ban for doping violations, the International Tennis Integrity Agency said Tuesday.

A 31-year-old native of Romania, Halep has been sidelined since October, when she was provisionally suspended after she failed a doping test during last year's U.S. Open. The agency said its ban was retroactive to that point and was set to end in October 2026, when Halep will be 35.

If upheld, the ban could effectively end the career of Halep, who won Wimbledon in 2019 — in lopsided fashion against **Serena Williams** — as well as the French Open in 2018.

Halep said Tuesday she intends to appeal the ruling, which the agency said was decided upon by an independent tribunal.

"I take the rules that govern our sport very seriously and take pride in the fact I have never knowingly or intentionally used any prohibited substance," Halep, who participated in the tribunal's June hearing, said in a lengthy statement shared on social media. "I refused to accept their decision of a four-year ban."

In addition to the positive test last year for a banned substance, Roxadustat, Halep was charged with another doping violation related to alleged "irregularities" in her biological passport.

— Des Bieler

HORSE RACING

Horse racing's federally created oversight panel found no single cause of death among 12 horses at Churchill Downs this spring but recommended further action and analysis to mitigate risk at the home of the Kentucky Derby, according to a report.

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) report also suggested improved veterinary screening and the creation of a blue-ribbon committee to study synthetic surface options throughout the sport.

The report came two days before the start of the Churchill Downs fall September meet and followed the June 7 suspension of racing to conduct an internal safety review. The spring meet was shifted to Ellis Park in western Kentucky.

That move came in the aftermath of seven horse deaths in the days leading up to the 149th Kentucky Derby on May 6 — including two on the undercard — and five more in the weeks afterward. HISA immediately convened an emergency summit and recommended pausing the meet after consulting industry experts, veterinarians and trainers.

PRO BASKETBALL

Houston Rockets guard **Kevin Porter Jr.**'s alleged attack on his girlfriend in a New York City hotel room left the woman with a fractured neck vertebra and a deep cut above her right eye, prosecutors asserted at his arraignment.

Porter, 23, pleaded not guilty to felony assault and strangulation charges in connection with the incident early Monday at the Millennium Hilton near the United Nations in Manhattan. Prosecutors said he didn't stop until his girlfriend, former WNBA player **Kysre Gondrezick**, ran out into the hallway covered in blood.

The NBA player was released from police custody after posting bail, which was set at $75,000 cash or $100,000 bond. . . .

Oklahoma City Mayor **David Holt** unveiled a proposal for a new $900 million downtown arena that would keep the NBA's Thunder in the city through at least 2050 if approved by voters.

MISC.

Ohio State Coach **Ryan Day** said **Kyle McCord** will remain the Buckeyes' starting quarterback, finally committing to the third-year player after two games in which he received most of the playing time.

Day had refrained from naming a definitive starter after McCord and **Devin Brown** competed through the offseason to replace **C.J. Stroud**. . . .

In her first season with the New York Liberty, **Breanna Stewart** was named Associated Press player of the year in the WNBA, edging **A'ja Wilson** of the Las Vegas Aces by one vote from the 12-member media panel. . . .

St. Louis Blues defenseman **Torey Krug** injured his right foot while training for the coming NHL season. The Blues did not say how long they expect the 32-year-old to be sidelined. . . .

Tour de France champion **Jonas Vingegaard** won the 16th stage of the Spanish Vuelta to move into second place overall behind teammate **Sepp Kuss** in Bejes, Spain.

— From news services and staff reports

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

1 p.m.	**Tampa Bay at Minnesota** » MLB Network
6:30 p.m.	**Washington at Pittsburgh** » MASN2, WJFK (106.7 FM)
6:30 p.m.	**St. Louis at Baltimore** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
7 p.m.	**New York Yankees at Boston** » MLB Network
11 p.m.	**San Diego at Los Angeles Dodgers** » MLB Network (joined in progress)

WNBA PLAYOFFS, FIRST ROUND

8 p.m.	**Game 1: Minnesota at Connecticut** » ESPN2
10 p.m.	**Game 1: Chicago at Las Vegas** » ESPN

TENNIS

8 a.m.	**Davis Cup finals, group stage; WTA: San Diego Open and Japan Women's Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

8 p.m.	**Kentucky at Louisville** » ESPN
8 p.m.	**Wisconsin at Marquette** » Fox Sports 1

NFL NOTES

Ex-reporter sues league, media division alleging discrimination, retaliation

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

Jim Trotter, a former reporter for NFL Network, sued the league and its media arm Tuesday, alleging racial discrimination and retaliation after his contract was not renewed this year. Trotter, who is Black, was employed by the league for five years and repeatedly spoke publicly and privately about the NFL's diversity issues, including the lack of Black head coaches and NFL Network executives.

"The NFL has claimed it wants to be held accountable regarding diversity, equity and inclusion," Trotter said in a statement distributed by his lawyers at Wigdor LLP. "I tried to do so, and it cost me my job. I'm filing this lawsuit because I can't complain about things that are wrong if I'm unwilling to fight for what is right."

The NFL said in a statement: "We take his concerns seriously but strongly dispute his specific allegations, particularly those made against his dedicated colleagues at NFL Media. Mr. Trotter's departure from NFL Media was one of many difficult decisions — similar to decisions recently made by many other media organizations — to address a challenging economy and a changing media environment."

Trotter is now a columnist at the Athletic, the sports website owned by the New York Times. The Times first reported the lawsuit.

According to the complaint, Trotter said he was given every indication that his contract would be renewed until after a news conference with Roger Goodell, during which he pointedly asked the commissioner why no Black person had ever held a position of power at NFL Network. It was the second consecutive Super Bowl news conference in which Trotter asked a similar question.

Afterward, according to the complaint, a supervisor asked Trotter if he was "in alignment with the NFL." He replied that he was not in alignment with a newsroom that did not include Black decision-makers. His agent was informed soon afterward that his contract would not be renewed.

Trotter filed his 53-page complaint in federal court in Manhattan. It alleges several other instances in which he raised concerns about attitudes within the league and troubling comments made by league officials. Trotter, according to the complaint, asked Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones why there weren't more Black people in decision-making roles in the NFL.

"If Blacks feel some kind of way, they should buy their own team and hire who they want to hire," Jones replied, per the complaint. Trotter alleges that he wanted to mention the incident on TV but was instructed not to by superiors.

Also according to the complaint, Terry Pegula, owner of the Buffalo Bills, once said in reference to player protests of racial injustice, "If the Black players don't like it here, they should go back to Africa and see how bad it is."

In a statement, Jones called Trotter's "representation" of the conversation "simply not accurate." Pegula called Trotter's allegation "absolutely false."

"I am horrified that anyone would connect me to an allegation of this kind," Pegula said in a statement.

— Ben Strauss

• MISC.: Mike Williams, a former wide receiver for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Buffalo Bills, died, the Buccaneers announced. He was 36.

Williams had been hospitalized in the Tampa area after he was injured while performing electrical work, his agent told NFL Network's Ian Rapoport.

"He will be missed," Enter Sports Management's Hadley Engelhard said. "He fought hard his whole life. Prayers to his family."

Williams was involved in an accident at a construction site.

— Cindy Boren

• SEAHAWKS: Concerned about the health of both of its starting offensive tackles, Seattle signed veteran Jason Peters.

The signing was announced by Peters's representatives and was later announced by the team as an addition to the practice squad.

Peters is protection for the Seahawks in case injuries suffered by left tackle Charles Cross and right tackle Abraham Lucas end up being long term. Cross has a sprained toe, and Lucas is dealing with soreness in his knee; both injuries were suffered in Seattle's season-opening loss to the Los Angeles Rams.

• STEELERS: Pittsburgh will have to find a way forward without defensive tackle Cam Heyward and wide receiver Diontae Johnson.

Both are expected to miss several weeks after going down with injuries in a 30-7 loss to the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday.

Heyward, a 13-year veteran, will have surgery for a groin injury and is out indefinitely.

Johnson, the team's leading receiver each of the past three years, is also expected to miss at least one game with a right hamstring injury.

• BENGALS: Cincinnati released veteran offensive tackle La'el Collins.

Collins was signed before the 2022 season and held down the right tackle spot until he tore his ACL in December.

— Associated Press

Rodgers ruled out for season with Achilles' injury

BY MARK MASKE



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Jets quarterback Aaron Rodgers only played four snaps Monday night before his season-ending injury.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers's first season with the New York Jets officially is over, practically before it even began.

Testing confirmed Rodgers suffered a torn Achilles' tendon in his left leg during his regular season debut Monday night for the Jets, Coach Robert Saleh said Tuesday.

The certain Hall of Famer will not play again this season, and his NFL future is in doubt after he contemplated retirement in the offseason. Rodgers, a four-time MVP whom the Green Bay Packers traded to the Jets during the offseason, turns 40 in December.

"Obviously we know it's torn," Saleh said during a news conference at the team's training facility. "That's been confirmed."

Saleh said Rodgers is out for the year and needs surgery. He did not provide further details.

"Not the way any of us wanted it to go, but we know the commitment you've made to this team will continue to impact us moving forward," the Jets wrote in a statement posted to social media earlier Tuesday in which they urged Rodgers to "[get] well soon."

The outcome came as no surprise to the Jets. They said late Monday night that they expected an MRI exam to confirm their fear of an Achilles' injury.

"I feel more for Aaron than anyone," Saleh said Tuesday. "He's invested so much into this organization, so much into this journey that he's embarked on and wanting to be a part of what we've got going here. . . . I have a lot of emotions for him. As for us, it's really all about him. It is. I don't look at it like, 'Woe is me here,' for the organization. I think guys are excited about being able to step up and continue the things that we've been building."

Rodgers left the field on a cart Monday after being injured on the Jets' fourth offensive snap of their 22-16 overtime victory over the Buffalo Bills at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

Rodgers's injury and abrupt exit reinforce the notion that the Jets are a hard-luck franchise for which little ever goes as hoped or planned. His arrival prompted dreams of a Super Bowl season with an all-time great quarterback. Instead, the Jets must turn back to quarterback Zach Wilson, the No. 2 selection in the 2021 draft who was benched twice last season, as they attempt to improve on last season's 7-10 record.

"I think from a locker room standpoint . . . no one was fazed," Saleh said Monday night. "And the way we came out in the second half, we were on a mission, just picked ourselves up off the ground. . . . That was a gritty performance. I'm proud of the guys."

Wilson played well Monday. The Jets leaned on their defense, which forced four turnovers by Bills quarterback Josh Allen, and won on an overtime touchdown by rookie Xavier Gipson on a 65-yard punt return.

"I think we all know what we have in that locker room," Saleh said Monday. ". . . They're an unbelievably resilient group. They've always known that. Our defense came on in the second half and just took it personal. . . . I'm proud of the group. But they didn't show us anything that we didn't already know."

The Jets opted to retain Wilson even after the Rodgers trade, and Rodgers was supportive of the young quarterback. Now the Jets must hope Rodgers's mentoring will help Wilson become the franchise quarterback he was drafted to be.

"I thought he was awesome," Saleh said following the game. "He had a couple of big third-down throws, clutch throws to extend drives and score points. . . . He threw the interception [but] still bounced back. It didn't snowball into anything big. We still have a lot of faith in him. I think we've proven that by keeping him here and continuing to invest in him. I'm excited for him and his opportunity."

Wilson said late Monday that he feels "a lot more prepared" for this chance after learning from Rodgers, however briefly.

"Unfortunately you go in off of an injury," Wilson said. "But to get the win was huge against a big team [on] 'Monday Night Football.' That was the first time I've been part of anything like that. The fan base was unbelievable tonight. It's a long season. . . . So you can't get too high or too low."

Saleh said Tuesday that the Jets "are going to look through some things" in terms of adding a quarterback to the roster. But he added: "I do want to make it very clear: Zach's our quarterback. We've got a lot of faith in Zach. We're really excited about this opportunity. But we're rolling with Zach and excited for him."

Saleh maintained that his team's championship aspirations remain unchanged.

"I don't know why people are trying to put an obituary onto our team name," he said. "Aaron is an unbelievable piece to this whole thing, and we love him. But I think there's 52 other guys in the locker room plus the 16 practice squad guys that believe that we can do a hell of a lot of good things here."

Saleh described Rodgers as being "down" and "a little disappointed." He said he did not speak with Rodgers about the quarterback's football future, calling that a conversation "for another day."

Rodgers said during the offseason that he had been 90 percent certain he would retire before changing his mind during a darkness retreat. He opted to keep playing and pushed for a trade to the Jets. He has said he did not expect his pairing with the Jets to be a one-season-only arrangement. But now he must work his way back from a serious injury if he wants to play on.

"We're going to rally behind him regardless of when he's going to be back," Jets wide receiver Allen Lazard — also Rodgers's teammate with the Packers — said in the locker room late Monday night. "Whatever he needs, we're going to support him."

The Jets visit the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday. Asked Tuesday about his message for his team's fans, Saleh borrowed from the famed news conference catchspeak of the New England Patriots' Bill Belichick.

"We're on to Dallas," Saleh said.

JERRY BREWER

These Jets are different, but now it doesn't matter

BREWER FROM D1

overtime, without Rodgers on Monday night. The Bills remain a championship contender, but they might be a diminished one now, especially with quarterback Josh Allen continuing to be too stubborn and impatient to play within himself. Allen committed four turnovers, forcing the issue against a shellshocked and emotionally diminished opponent that wouldn't have beaten Buffalo without help. His mistakes enabled the Jets to muster the resolve to show who they are.

Their defense, led by safety Jordan Whitehead's three interceptions, kept them in the game. Zach Wilson, the 2021 No. 2 overall pick relegated to backup duty, replaced Rodgers, played decent in key moments and avoided the flood of disastrous decisions that plagued him in the past. Running back Breece Hall rushed for 127 yards, and wide receiver Garrett Wilson turned a suspect throw into a miraculous touchdown reception to tie the score at 13. Later, in overtime, undrafted rookie Xavier Gipson ended it with a 65-yard punt return touchdown.

You saw the talent and fight that made Rodgers want to join the Jets. They have winning pieces. But concerns about the offensive line turned out to be valid. Rodgers couldn't get through one possession without feeling the heat. Ten years ago, he could buy time and use that defensive pressure to his advantage. But he is the NFL's oldest active player now. He needed a cleaner pocket. He absorbed one unlucky hit, and suddenly the first season of a fascinating partnership will continue without him.

What are the Jets without Rodgers? We didn't have time to figure out what they were with him.

For the opening 3 minutes 45 seconds of the season, they were an experiment that inspired great curiosity. They enticed celebrities to leave their mansions for a football game. They made cynical fans start to believe. They brought all their athleticism and attitude to this stage and planned to make a statement against a rival that has recently owned the AFC East.

Then Rodgers went down. The clock flashed 11:15 in the first quarter. All of a sudden, the man who talked openly about "manifesting" a Super Bowl triumph with New York couldn't stay upright.

The Jets showed something, and maybe that means they can be a game or two better than last season's 7-10 record if Zach Wilson has matured or another quarterback comes in off the street to stabilize them. They have a championship-caliber defense, and Garrett Wilson is an elite playmaker. But Rodgers was supposed to complete the offense. He's a hole that cannot be plugged.

This injury will become the ultimate challenge of his dusking career. Shaquille O'Neal retired at 39 because of a persistent Achilles' problem. Rodgers turns 40 in December, and while he's not a 7-foot-1, 350-pound basketball player, the Achilles' tendon is not an easy body part to rehab at an advanced age. It requires meticulous recovery regardless of an athlete's birth date, but at 40, the potential loss of athleticism is a greater worry. Rodgers doesn't rely on mobility as much as he once did, but his agility in the pocket and knack for throwing on the run from different angles are still major factors in his game.

His future is now a series of incremental questions. At each checkpoint in his comeback attempt, he'll need to reaffirm that this is worth it. His sense of obligation and genuine enthusiasm about the move to New York figure to keep him motivated. The Jets gave the Packers multiple draft picks to acquire him. Rodgers was so intent on helping his new team build a Super Bowl roster that he reworked his contract and trimmed about $35 million off his two-year deal.

Despite his age, there was a thought that he could make that money back and then some if he continued to play past those two seasons. But before he can think about his body holding up, Rodgers must put himself back together.

It's a stunning predicament. Not even doomsayers would dare to imagine something so sad and disastrous.

The start of the Rodgers era in New York was fun while it lasted, all 225 seconds of it. Suddenly, though, no one feels like celebrating. This is the saddest 1-0 team in the NFL.

Until Rodgers returns, the Jets once again will be known for what they're not. Their dreams have succumbed to their nagging curse.

ON FOOTBALL

Briles's lingering presence is bad for college football

ON FOOTBALL FROM D1

might be one of frustration. Or, considering Lebby's history selling "CAB" (Coach Art Briles) T-shirts to support Briles after his firing, more likely one of open defiance.

Those are entirely reasonable ways to receive the moment, although they may be a more generous interpretation extended to a man undeserving of it. What appears to be the real truth: Lebby fundamentally does not understand what the problem was, because he does not believe Briles was worthy of dismissal at Baylor or the career ignominy that has followed him.

Whether that belief is genuine or a willful denial of fact is almost beside the point, although no one should be naive enough to attribute to this the proverb of stupidity mistaken as malice, because that's the true horror facing this sport: Either is just as harmful, and both are in heavy supply.

How else can we rationalize the persistence of Art Briles? Saturday marked the latest in an incomprehensible parade of public associations, appearances and even attempts at employment by one of the most disgraced names in the history of college football.

Not even a year after his firing, Briles sought a new coaching job in the Canadian Football League in 2017 before public backlash caused the Hamilton Tiger-Cats to bail on the idea. Briles settled on a job coaching pro football in Italy in 2018. Most jarring is that Briles successfully returned home to his roots, securing a high school head coaching job in Mount Vernon, Tex., for two seasons in 2019 and 2020.

But he wants back in college football, the site of his disgrace, and persists in trying. In 2019, Briles interviewed for the offensive coordinator job at Southern Mississippi under former head coach Jay Hopson. When university leadership swarmed to reject even the idea of Briles as a candidate, let alone his hiring, Hopson mirrored Briles's son-in-law and leaped to his defense.

Undeterred, Briles actually cleared the interview process in 2022 at Grambling, where Coach Hue Jackson also defended the move publicly before pressure from the university, including Grambling legend Doug Williams, forced a Briles "resignation." Jackson was among the first to embrace Briles after his firing, inviting him to attend practices when Jackson was coach of the Cleveland Browns.

Lebby is not alone here; Briles's son, Kendal, also a Baylor assistant during the period of sexual assaults, has moved through a variety of high-profile assistant coaching jobs and is the offensive coordinator for TCU. And along the way, Dad has stopped by practice.

So while a grossly unforced error for Oklahoma, Saturday night's gaffe was by no means unique. More importantly, neither is what happened at Baylor. Take the unfolding story at Michigan State, where Coach Mel Tucker has been suspended without pay after he was accused of sexual harassment by sexual assault prevention activist Brenda Tracy. (Tucker said in a statement Monday that his relationship with Tracy was "entirely mutual.")

If we're to expect any good faith in the words that come from those in power, we should believe only what we hear the first time, not after the correction and not after the outcry. Lebby hasn't changed his mind — he has changed his position in an act of professional self-preservation. So what happens if he's the head coach somewhere in the near future, with one fewer person above him who can prevent that grandfather from showing back up?

It really doesn't matter whether Lebby or anyone else caping for Briles is doing so in defiance of the truth or genuinely can't believe it. Both are terrifying, and either way it's publicly manufactured aggrievement that shifts victimhood from sexual assault survivors to men in power. Either way, you should listen when they tell you.

NFL REWIND



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ESPN scored its best ratings ever for "Monday Night Football" despite Aaron Rodgers's season-ending Achilles' injury.

RANKINGS AND HAPPENINGS

Ratings soar, but Rodgers's injury casts pall

BY MARK MASKE

The NFL made the New York Jets a staple on the league's prime-time television schedule this season, figuring quarterback Aaron Rodgers's arrival would make the team attractive to viewers.

And there was an immediate reward. The Jets' overtime triumph Monday night over the Buffalo Bills drew an average of more than 22.6 million viewers across ESPN, ABC and other platforms, ESPN said Tuesday. It was the most-watched "Monday Night Football" game since ESPN started carrying the package in 2006.

But Rodgers took just four offensive snaps before suffering a season-ending torn Achilles' tendon in his left leg. So now the NFL and its broadcast partners are left with a would-be marquee team featuring Zach Wilson at quarterback.

The league must hope for the best. This already was the first NFL season this century without Tom Brady on a roster. Now, one week in, Rodgers will not be on the field, either.

"Obviously, last night was sad as a fan to see any of our players see something happen where they're going to miss a season," Hans Schroeder, the NFL's executive vice president of media distribution, said Tuesday. ". . . But also, the game itself was an incredible win for the Jets. . . . We've seen in this league a long history of players stepping up, new players emerging. It happens every year. You saw what happened with [Brock] Purdy last year in San Francisco, what happened 20-plus years ago with Brady in New England when [Drew] Bledsoe got hurt. So we're going to do what we always do, which is prepare and look ahead in the schedule."

The league had a strong Week 1 for viewership. The Lions-Chiefs season-opening game Thursday night drew an average of 27.5 million viewers on NBC, Peacock and digital platforms, up 27 percent from last season's opener between the Los Angeles Rams and Bills. The Cowboys-Giants game Sunday night averaged 21.8 million viewers across NBC and other platforms. Viewership peaked early in the game at 25.9 million viewers before trailing off as the Cowboys won in a blowout, 40-0.

The NFL could use its flexible-scheduling options to remove the Jets from a few prime-time games later in the season if needed. But the league was not jumping to any conclusions Tuesday.

"We only flex a little over 1½ times a year, if you look on average of what we've done over the last close to 20 years of flex," Schroeder said. "So we're going to always monitor who's playing their way on, what stories are emerging. You saw some great ones last year with the Jaguars as an example, what Detroit did in the second half of the year. . . . But the Jets are 1-0 right now. There's a lot of football ahead across the entire league."

Top five teams

1. 49ers: Purdy and the 49ers picked up right where they left off last season, pre-elbow injury. That was a dominant performance in Pittsburgh against a team that was very good in the second half of last season.

2. Eagles: The Eagles nearly squandered a 16-0 lead against the Patriots. They allowed New England to stay in the game and gave it every opportunity to pull off the upset. The game was short on style points, but it was a win.

3. Dolphins: Tua Tagovailoa threw for 466 yards and three touchdowns in the opening victory over the Chargers. Tyreek Hill had 11 catches for 215 yards and two scores.

4. Chiefs: The opening-night loss to the Lions was somewhat of an aberration, given the absences of Travis Kelce and Chris Jones. But the issues at wide receiver were real. Now comes a difficult game at Jacksonville.

5. Cowboys: Micah Parsons declared following a shutout of the Giants that the Cowboys have the NFL's best defense. Daniel Jones probably was not about to argue that point.

Watching Sanders

It's early and extremely premature to begin thinking about the next hiring cycle for NFL head coaches. But Deion Sanders's 2-0 start at Colorado has made him and his program the talk of college football. And that almost certainly will lead to his name being included in speculation about NFL coaching vacancies following this season, whether he's interested in coaching in the league or not.

Sanders was an all-time great as an NFL player who was enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2011. He worked for NFL Network as an analyst following his playing career. He knows the NFL game, and he knows the business of the NFL. He quickly has proved his mettle as a college coach. And he has star quality that would interest any NFL team owner and excite any fan base.

"Let me put it this way: If you need to hire a head coach, you're going to have to at least give it a thought," a high-ranking official with one NFL team said over the weekend. "I have no idea if he'd take your call. I have no idea if he'd leave there. He's coaching his [sons], for one thing. But it's definitely going to have to be part of your thought process. He'll have to be on the radar."

Bottom five teams

28. Broncos: Sean Payton began with an onside kick. Russell Wilson looked more like his old self. But the Payton era began with a narrow loss to the Raiders, and Nathaniel Hackett could be forgiven if he enjoyed that.

29. Colts: Anthony Richardson had some good moments, but a second-half lead against the Jaguars dissipated in an opening defeat.

30. Texans: C.J. Stroud wasn't terrible in his debut, but the Texans were mostly noncompetitive in a loss to the Ravens.

31. Panthers: Bryce Young's two-interception unveiling in a defeat to the Falcons showed there's a long way to go.

32. Cardinals: Arizona made it interesting at FedEx Field. But they still served as a homecoming-like opponent, allowing the Commanders to win the first game of owner Josh Harris's tenure.

Counting Amazon's viewers

Amazon's Prime Video has an attractive matchup — Vikings-Eagles — for its first game of the season Thursday night. NFL officials have said they expect to see growth in Amazon's viewership in its second season of carrying the Thursday night package. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

But Nielsen has backed off a plan, at least for now, to incorporate data from Amazon into its ratings of the Thursday night games. Television networks had opposed the plan. Amazon has said it believes it drew an average of 11.3 million viewers for its NFL games last season; Nielsen credited it with an average of 9.6 million.

"The Nielsen efforts, it's interesting to watch a lot of the conversation about this publicly," Brian Rolapp, the NFL's chief media and business officer, said recently, before the pause in implementing the new policy was announced. "We have for a very long time, certainly pre-Amazon, felt that our games were a bit underrepresented in total viewership. That was certainly a theme in the out-of-home conversation. And we've always pressed anyone who would listen, including Nielsen: 'How do we get better? How do we measure better? We think this is undercounted.'

"And so I think what you're seeing now is Nielsen's effort to try to be the best measurement metric that they can be. And we're certainly supportive of all that innovation and will continue to lean into that."

NFC East

DALLAS (1-0)
September
10: W 40-0 at N.Y. Giants
17: N.Y. Jets
24: at Arizona
October
1: New England
8: at San Fran.
16: at L.A. Chargers
22: Bye
29: L.A. Rams
November
5: at Philadelphia
12: N.Y. Giants
19: at Carolina
23: Washington
30: Seattle
December
10: Philadelphia
17: at Buffalo
24: at Miami
30: Detroit
January
7: at Washington

PHILADELPHIA (1-0)
September
10: W 25-20 at New England
14: Minnesota
25: at Tampa Bay
October
1: Washington
8: at L.A. Rams
15: at N.Y. Jets
22: Miami
29: at Washington
November
5: Dallas
12: Bye
20: at Kansas City
26: Buffalo
December
3: San Fran.
10: at Dallas
17: at Seattle
25: N.Y. Giants
31: Arizona
January
7: at N.Y. Giants

N.Y. GIANTS (0-1)
September
10: L 0-40 Dallas
17: at Arizona
21: at San Fran.
October
2: Seattle
8: at Miami
15: at Buffalo
22: Washington
29: N.Y. Jets
November
5: at Las Vegas
12: at Dallas
19: at Washington
26: New England
December
3: Bye
11: Green Bay
17: at New Orleans
25: at Philadelphia
31: L.A. Rams
January
7: Philadelphia

WASHINGTON (1-0)
September
10: W 20-16 Arizona
17: at Denver
24: Buffalo
October
1: at Philadelphia
5: Chicago
15: at Atlanta
22: at N.Y. Giants
29: Philadelphia
November
5: at New England
12: at Seattle
19: N.Y. Giants
23: at Dallas
December
3: Miami
10: Bye
17: at L.A. Rams
24: at N.Y. Jets
31: San Fran.
January
7: Dallas

NFC North

CHICAGO (0-1)
September
10: L 20-38 Green Bay
17: at Tampa Bay
24: at Kansas City
October
1: Denver
5: at Washington
15: Minnesota
22: Las Vegas
29: at L.A. Chargers
November
5: at New Orleans
9: Carolina
19: at Detroit
27: at Minnesota
December
3: Bye
10: Detroit
17: at Cleveland
24: Arizona
31: Atlanta
January
7: at Green Bay

GREEN BAY (1-0)
September
10: W 38-20 at Chicago
17: at Atlanta
24: New Orleans
28: Detroit
October
9: at Las Vegas
15: Bye
22: at Denver
29: Minnesota
November
5: L.A. Rams
12: at Pittsburgh
19: L.A. Chargers
23: at Detroit
December
3: Kansas City
11: at N.Y. Giants
17: Tampa Bay
24: at Carolina
31: at Minnesota
January
7: Chicago

DETROIT (1-0)
September
7: W 21-20 at Kansas City
17: Seattle
24: Atlanta
28: at Green Bay
October
8: Carolina
15: at Tampa Bay
22: at Baltimore
30: Las Vegas
November
5: Bye
12: at L.A. Chargers
19: Chicago
23: Green Bay
December
3: at New Orleans
10: at Chicago
17: Denver
24: at Minnesota
30: at Dallas
January
7: Minnesota

MINNESOTA (0-1)
September
10: L 17-20 Tampa Bay
14: at Philadelphia
24: L.A. Chargers
October
1: at Carolina
8: Kansas City
15: at Chicago
23: San Fran.
29: at Green Bay
November
5: at Atlanta
12: New Orleans
19: at Denver
27: Chicago
December
3: Bye
10: at Las Vegas
17: at Cincinnati
24: Detroit
31: Green Bay
January
7: at Detroit

NFC South

ATLANTA (1-0)
September
10: W 24-10 Carolina
17: Green Bay
24: at Detroit
October
1: at Jacksonville
8: Houston
15: Washington
22: at Tampa Bay
29: at Tennessee
November
5: Minnesota
12: at Arizona
19: Bye
26: New Orleans
December
3: at N.Y. Jets
10: Tampa Bay
17: at Carolina
24: Indianapolis
31: at Chicago
January
7: at New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (1-0)
September
10: W 16-15 Tennessee
18: at Carolina
24: at Green Bay
October
1: Tampa Bay
8: at New England
15: at Houston
19: Jacksonville
29: at Indianapolis
November
5: Chicago
12: at Minnesota
19: Bye
26: at Atlanta
December
3: Detroit
10: Carolina
17: N.Y. Giants
21: at L.A. Rams
31: at Tampa Bay
January
7: Atlanta

CAROLINA (0-1)
September
10: L 10-24 at Atlanta
18: New Orleans
24: at Seattle
October
1: Minnesota
8: at Detroit
15: at Miami
22: Bye
29: Houston
November
5: Indianapolis
9: at Chicago
19: Dallas
26: at Tennessee
December
3: at Tampa Bay
10: at New Orleans
17: Atlanta
24: Green Bay
31: at Jacksonville
January
7: Tampa Bay

TAMPA BAY (1-0)
September
10: W 20-17 at Minnesota
17: Chicago
25: Philadelphia
October
1: at New Orleans
8: Bye
15: Detroit
22: Atlanta
26: at Buffalo
November
5: at Houston
12: Tennessee
19: at San Fran.
26: at Indianapolis
December
3: Carolina
10: at Atlanta
17: at Green Bay
24: Jacksonville
31: New Orleans
January
7: at Carolina

NFC West

ARIZONA (0-1)
September
10: L 16-20 at Washington
17: N.Y. Giants
24: Dallas
October
1: at San Fran.
8: Cincinnati
15: at L.A. Rams
22: at Seattle
29: Baltimore
November
5: at Cleveland
12: Atlanta
19: at Houston
26: L.A. Rams
December
3: at Pittsburgh
10: Bye
17: San Fran.
24: at Chicago
31: at Philadelphia
January
7: Seattle

SAN FRANCISCO (1-0)
September
10: W 30-7 at Pittsburgh
17: at L.A. Rams
21: N.Y. Giants
October
1: Arizona
8: Dallas
15: at Cleveland
23: at Minnesota
29: Cincinnati
November
5: Bye
12: at Jacksonville
19: Tampa Bay
23: at Seattle
December
3: at Philadelphia
10: Seattle
17: at Arizona
25: Baltimore
31: at Washington
January
7: L.A. Rams

L.A. RAMS (1-0)
September
10: W 30-13 at Seattle
17: San Fran.
25: at Cincinnati
October
1: at Indianapolis
8: Philadelphia
15: Arizona
22: Pittsburgh
29: at Dallas
November
5: at Green Bay
12: Bye
19: Seattle
26: at Arizona
December
3: Cleveland
10: at Baltimore
17: Washington
21: New Orleans
31: at N.Y. Giants
January
7: at San Fran.

SEATTLE (0-1)
September
10: L 13-30 L.A. Rams
17: at Detroit
24: Carolina
October
2: at N.Y. Giants
8: Bye
15: at Cincinnati
22: Arizona
29: Cleveland
November
5: at Baltimore
12: Washington
19: at L.A. Rams
23: San Fran.
30: at Dallas
December
10: at San Fran.
17: Philadelphia
24: at Tennessee
31: Pittsburgh
January
7: at Arizona

AFC East

BUFFALO (0-1)
September
11: L 16-22 at N.Y. Jets
17: Las Vegas
24: at Washington
October
1: Miami
8: Jacksonville
15: N.Y. Giants
22: at New England
26: Tampa Bay
November
5: at Cincinnati
13: Denver
19: N.Y. Jets
26: at Philadelphia
December
3: Bye
10: at Kansas City
17: Dallas
23: at L.A. Chargers
31: New England
January
7: at Miami

NEW ENGLAND (0-1)
September
10: L 20-25 Philadelphia
17: Miami
24: at N.Y. Jets
October
1: at Dallas
8: New Orleans
15: at Las Vegas
22: Buffalo
29: at Miami
November
5: Washington
12: Indianapolis
19: Bye
26: at N.Y. Giants
December
3: L.A. Chargers
7: at Pittsburgh
18: Kansas City
24: at Denver
31: at Buffalo
January
7: N.Y. Jets

MIAMI (1-0)
September
10: W 36-34 at L.A. Chargers
17: at New England
24: Denver
October
1: at Buffalo
8: N.Y. Giants
15: Carolina
22: at Philadelphia
29: New England
November
5: at Kansas City
12: Bye
19: Las Vegas
24: at N.Y. Jets
December
3: at Washington
11: Tennessee
17: N.Y. Jets
24: Dallas
31: at Baltimore
January
7: Buffalo

N.Y. JETS (1-0)
September
11: W 22-16 Buffalo
17: at Dallas
24: New England
October
1: Kansas City
8: at Denver
15: Philadelphia
22: Bye
29: at N.Y. Giants
November
6: L.A. Chargers
12: at Las Vegas
19: at Buffalo
24: Miami
December
3: Atlanta
10: Houston
17: at Miami
24: Washington
28: at Cleveland
January
7: at New England

AFC North

BALTIMORE (1-0)
September
10: W 25-9 Houston
17: at Cincinnati
24: Indianapolis
October
1: at Cleveland
8: at Pittsburgh
15: at Tennessee
22: Detroit
29: at Arizona
November
5: Seattle
12: Cleveland
16: Cincinnati
26: at L.A. Chargers
December
3: Bye
10: L.A. Rams
17: at Jacksonville
25: at San Fran.
31: Miami
January
7: Pittsburgh

CLEVELAND (1-0)
September
10: W 24-3 Cincinnati
18: at Pittsburgh
24: Tennessee
October
1: Baltimore
8: Bye
15: San Fran.
22: at Indianapolis
29: at Seattle
November
5: Arizona
12: at Baltimore
19: Pittsburgh
26: at Denver
December
3: at L.A. Rams
10: Jacksonville
17: Chicago
24: at Houston
28: N.Y. Jets
January
7: at Cincinnati

CINCINNATI (0-1)
September
10: L 3-24 at Cleveland
17: Baltimore
25: L.A. Rams
October
1: at Tennessee
8: at Arizona
15: Seattle
22: Bye
29: at San Fran.
November
5: Buffalo
12: Houston
16: at Baltimore
26: Pittsburgh
December
4: at Jacksonville
10: Indianapolis
17: Minnesota
23: at Pittsburgh
31: at Kansas City
January
7: Cleveland

PITTSBURGH (0-1)
September
10: L 7-30 San Fran.
18: Cleveland
24: at Las Vegas
October
1: at Houston
8: Baltimore
15: Bye
22: at L.A. Rams
29: Jacksonville
November
2: Tennessee
12: Green Bay
19: at Cleveland
26: at Cincinnati
December
3: Arizona
7: New England
17: at Indianapolis
23: Cincinnati
31: at Seattle
January
7: at Baltimore

AFC South

HOUSTON (0-1)
September
10: L 9-25 at Baltimore
17: Indianapolis
24: at Jacksonville
October
1: Pittsburgh
8: at Atlanta
15: New Orleans
22: Bye
29: at Carolina
November
5: Tampa Bay
12: at Cincinnati
19: Arizona
26: Jacksonville
December
3: Denver
10: at N.Y. Jets
17: at Tennessee
24: Cleveland
31: Tennessee
January
7: at Indianapolis

JACKSONVILLE (1-0)
September
10: W 31-21 at Indianapolis
17: Kansas City
24: Houston
October
1: Atlanta
8: at Buffalo
15: Indianapolis
19: at New Orleans
29: at Pittsburgh
November
5: Bye
12: San Fran.
19: Tennessee
26: at Houston
December
4: Cincinnati
10: at Cleveland
17: Baltimore
24: at Tampa Bay
31: Carolina
January
7: at Tennessee

INDIANAPOLIS (0-1)
September
10: L 21-31 Jacksonville
17: at Houston
24: at Baltimore
October
1: L.A. Rams
8: Tennessee
15: at Jacksonville
22: Cleveland
29: New Orleans
November
5: at Carolina
12: at New England
19: Bye
26: Tampa Bay
December
3: at Tennessee
10: at Cincinnati
17: Pittsburgh
24: at Atlanta
31: Las Vegas
January
7: Houston

TENNESSEE (0-1)
September
10: L 15-16 at New Orleans
17: L.A. Chargers
24: at Cleveland
October
1: Cincinnati
8: at Indianapolis
15: Baltimore
22: Bye
29: Atlanta
November
2: at Pittsburgh
12: at Tampa Bay
19: at Jacksonville
26: Carolina
December
3: Indianapolis
11: at Miami
17: Houston
24: Seattle
31: at Houston
January
7: Jacksonville

AFC West

DENVER (0-1)
September
10: L 16-17 Las Vegas
17: Washington
24: at Miami
October
1: at Chicago
8: N.Y. Jets
12: at Kansas City
22: Green Bay
29: Kansas City
November
5: Bye
13: at Buffalo
19: Minnesota
26: Cleveland
December
3: at Houston
10: at L.A. Chargers
17: at Detroit
24: New England
31: L.A. Chargers
January
7: at Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (1-0)
September
10: W 17-16 at Denver
17: at Buffalo
24: Pittsburgh
October
1: at L.A. Chargers
9: Green Bay
15: New England
22: at Chicago
30: at Detroit
November
5: N.Y. Giants
12: N.Y. Jets
19: at Miami
26: Kansas City
December
3: Bye
10: Minnesota
14: L.A. Chargers
25: at Kansas City
31: at Indianapolis
January
7: Denver

KANSAS CITY (0-1)
September
7: L 20-21 Detroit
17: at Jacksonville
24: Chicago
October
1: at N.Y. Jets
8: at Minnesota
12: Denver
22: L.A. Chargers
29: at Denver
November
5: Miami
12: Bye
20: Philadelphia
26: at Las Vegas
December
3: at Green Bay
10: Buffalo
18: at New England
25: Las Vegas
31: Cincinnati
January
7: at L.A. Chargers

L.A. CHARGERS (0-1)
September
10: L 34-36 Miami
17: at Tennessee
24: at Minnesota
October
1: Las Vegas
8: Bye
16: Dallas
22: at Kansas City
29: Chicago
November
6: at N.Y. Jets
12: Detroit
19: at Green Bay
26: Baltimore
December
3: at New England
10: Denver
14: at Las Vegas
23: Buffalo
31: at Denver
January
7: Kansas City

NFC statistics

OFFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
L.A. Rams	426.0	92.0	334.0
San Francisco	391.0	188.0	203.0
Minnesota	369.0	41.0	328.0
Detroit	368.0	118.0	250.0
New Orleans	351.0	69.0	282.0
Green Bay	329.0	92.0	237.0
Chicago	311.0	122.0	189.0
Carolina	281.0	154.0	127.0
Dallas	265.0	122.0	143.0
Philadelphia	251.0	97.0	154.0
Washington	248.0	92.0	156.0
Tampa Bay	242.0	73.0	169.0
Atlanta	221.0	130.0	91.0
Arizona	210.0	96.0	114.0
Seattle	180.0	85.0	95.0
N.Y. Giants	171.0	108.0	63.0

DEFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
Dallas	171.0	108.0	63.0
L.A. Rams	180.0	85.0	95.0
Washington	210.0	96.0	114.0
Carolina	221.0	130.0	91.0
San Francisco	239.0	41.0	198.0
Minnesota	242.0	73.0	169.0
Arizona	248.0	92.0	156.0
N.Y. Giants	265.0	122.0	143.0
Atlanta	281.0	154.0	127.0
New Orleans	285.0	104.0	181.0
Green Bay	311.0	122.0	189.0
Detroit	316.0	90.0	226.0
Chicago	329.0	92.0	237.0
Tampa Bay	369.0	41.0	328.0
Philadelphia	382.0	76.0	306.0
Seattle	426.0	92.0	334.0

NFC leaders

PASSING	ATT-CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	RATE
Love, GB	27/15	55.6	245	3	0	123.2
Ridder, Atl	18/15	83.3	115	1	0	111.8
Purdy, SF	29/19	65.5	220	2	0	111.3
Cousins, Min	44/33	75.0	344	2	1	102.8
Carr, NO	33/23	69.7	305	1	1	96.1
Mayfield, TB	34/21	61.8	173	2	0	94.4
Goff, Det	35/22	62.9	253	1	0	94.1
Stafford, LAR	38/24	63.2	334	0	0	91.3
Hurts, Phi	33/22	66.7	170	1	0	89.2

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Jefferson, Min	9	150	16.7	42	0
Aiyuk, SF	8	129	16.1	23	2
Atwell, LAR	6	119	19.8	44	0
Nacua, LAR	10	119	11.9	21	0
Olave, NO	8	112	14.0	45	0
Shaheed, NO	5	89	17.8	41	1
Jones, GB	2	86	43.0	51	1
J.Reynolds, Det	4	80	20.0	33	0

RUSHING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
McCaffrey, SF	22	152	6.9	65	1
Allgeier, Atl	15	75	5.0	22	2
Montgomery, Det	21	74	3.5	8	1
Sanders, Car	18	72	4.0	10	0
Pollard, Dal	14	70	5.0	25	2
Walker, Sea	12	64	5.3	15	0
Conner, Ari	14	62	4.4	12	0

AFC statistics

OFFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
Miami	536.0	70.0	466.0
L.A. Chargers	433.0	234.0	199.0
New England	382.0	76.0	306.0
Cleveland	350.0	206.0	144.0
Jacksonville	342.0	105.0	237.0
Kansas City	316.0	90.0	226.0
Buffalo	314.0	97.0	217.0
N.Y. Jets	289.0	172.0	117.0
Tennessee	285.0	104.0	181.0
Indianapolis	280.0	65.0	215.0
Houston	268.0	72.0	196.0
Baltimore	265.0	110.0	155.0
Las Vegas	261.0	61.0	200.0
Denver	260.0	94.0	166.0
Pittsburgh	239.0	41.0	198.0
Cincinnati	142.0	75.0	67.0

DEFENSE	Yards	Rush	Pass
Cleveland	142.0	75.0	67.0
New England	251.0	97.0	154.0
Las Vegas	260.0	94.0	166.0
Denver	261.0	61.0	200.0
Houston	265.0	110.0	155.0
Baltimore	268.0	72.0	196.0
Jacksonville	280.0	65.0	215.0
Buffalo	289.0	172.0	117.0
N.Y. Jets	314.0	97.0	217.0
Indianapolis	342.0	105.0	237.0
Cincinnati	350.0	206.0	144.0
Tennessee	351.0	69.0	282.0
Kansas City	368.0	118.0	250.0
Pittsburgh	391.0	188.0	203.0
Miami	433.0	234.0	199.0
L.A. Chargers	536.0	70.0	466.0

AFC leaders

PASSING	ATT-CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	RATE
Tagovailoa, Mia	45/28	62.2	466	3	1	110.0
Wilson, Den	34/27	79.4	177	2	0	108.0
Garoppolo, Las	26/20	76.9	200	2	1	107.9
Lawrence, Jac	32/24	75.0	241	2	1	103.8
Herbert, LAC	33/23	69.7	228	1	0	99.1
Mac.Jones, NE	54/35	64.8	316	3	1	91.3
Z.Wilson, NYJ	21/14	66.7	140	1	1	81.4
Jackson, Bal	22/17	77.3	169	0	1	79.5

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Hill, Mia	11	215	19.5	47	2
Diggs, Buf	10	102	10.2	18	1
Ridley, Jac	8	101	12.6	29	1
Pittman, Ind	8	97	12.1	39	1
Meyers, Las	9	81	9.0	21	2
N.Collins, Hou	6	80	13.3	26	0
Flowers, Bal	9	78	8.7	21	0
Waddle, Mia	4	78	19.5	35	0

RUSHING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Bre.Hall, NYJ	10	127	12.7	83	0
Ekeler, LAC	16	117	7.3	55	1
Chubb, Cle	18	106	5.9	17	0
Kelley, LAC	16	91	5.7	14	1
Etienne, Jac	18	77	4.3	26	1
Henry, Ten	15	63	4.2	18	0
Mixon, Cin	13	56	4.3	22	0
Williams, Den	13	52	4.0	11	0

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
y-Atlanta	95	50	.655	—	5-5	W-1
Philadelphia	79	66	.545	16	5-5	L-1
Miami	74	71	.510	21	6-4	L-2
New York	66	78	.458	28½	5-5	W-1
Washington	65	80	.448	30	3-7	L-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	81	63	.563	—	6-4	W-2
Chicago	78	68	.534	4	6-4	L-1
Cincinnati	75	71	.514	7	6-4	W-2
Pittsburgh	67	78	.462	14½	5-5	W-1
St. Louis	64	81	.441	17½	6-4	W-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Los Angeles	87	56	.608	—	4-6	L-1
Arizona	76	70	.521	12½	6-4	L-1
x-San Francisco	74	70	.514	13½	4-6	W-4
x-San Diego	68	77	.469	20	6-4	W-1
Colorado	52	92	.361	35½	3-7	W-1

x-Late game; y-Clinches playoff berth

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Baltimore	91	53	.632	—	8-2	L-1
Tampa Bay	89	57	.610	3	7-3	L-1
Toronto	80	65	.552	11½	6-4	L-2
Boston	73	72	.503	18½	4-6	L-2
New York	73	72	.503	18½	7-3	W-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Minnesota	76	69	.524	—	6-4	W-1
x-Cleveland	68	77	.469	8	3-7	L-3
Detroit	66	78	.458	9½	6-4	L-1
Chicago	56	89	.386	20	3-7	L-1
Kansas City	45	101	.308	31½	3-7	W-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Houston	82	64	.562	—	5-5	L-2
Texas	80	64	.556	1	5-5	W-4
x-Seattle	79	65	.549	2	3-7	L-4
x-Los Angeles	68	77	.469	13½	4-6	W-3
Oakland	46	99	.317	35½	6-4	W-2

x-Late game

Pirates 5, Nationals 1

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Abrams ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.251
Thomas rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.278
Ruiz c	4	1	1	0	0	1	.257
Meneses dh	4	0	2	0	0	1	.278
Vargas 2b-3b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.254
Kieboom 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.182
García ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.253
Smith 1b	2	0	1	0	1	0	.263
Call lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.195
Alu ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.227
Young cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.269
TOTALS	30	1	6	1	2	6	—

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bae 2b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.244
Reynolds lf	3	0	0	1	2	0	.268
Hayes 3b	3	0	2	1	1	1	.267
Suwinski cf	3	0	2	0	2	1	.214
Joe 1b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.236
Rivas 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.197
Rodríguez c	4	2	2	0	1	1	.228
Palacios rf	4	1	2	2	1	0	.224
Andujar dh	4	1	1	1	1	0	.241
A.Williams ss	2	1	1	0	1	1	.217
TOTALS	32	5	11	5	10	5	—

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LOB: Washington 4, Pittsburgh 15. **2B:** Meneses (33), Vargas (11), Suwinski (20), Rodríguez (7), Bae (16). **HR:** Palacios (8), off Adon. **RBI:** Vargas (28), Palacios 2 (32), Andujar (12), Reynolds (72), Hayes (56). **SB:** Suwinski (12), Hayes (10), Andujar (1), Palacios (5). **CS:** Call (8). **SF:** Hayes. **S:** A.Williams.

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Adon	4	8	4	4	6	4	93	5.92
Garcia	1	0	0	0	2	1	23	5.16
Willingham	2	2	1	1	2	0	29	6.56
Machado	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	5.26

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Falter	6	4	1	1	1	4	67	3.62
Mlodzinski	1	2	0	0	0	1	17	2.22
Holderman	1	0	0	0	1	0	14	2.92
Borucki	1	0	0	0	0	1	10	2.97

WP: Falter (2-1); **LP:** Adon (2-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Garcia 2-1. **IBB:** off Adon (Suwinski), off Garcia (Hayes), off Willingham (Reynolds), off Willingham (Suwinski). **T:** 2:22. **A:** 9,222 (38,753).

HOW THEY SCORED

PIRATES SECOND
Endy Rodriguez walks. **Joshua Palacios homers, Endy Rodriguez scores.** Miguel Andujar walks. Alika Williams out on a sacrifice bunt. Miguel Andujar to second. Ji Hwan Bae grounds out. Miguel Andujar to third. Bryan Reynolds grounds out.
Pirates 2, Nationals 0

NATIONALS FOURTH
CJ Abrams grounds out. Lane Thomas lines out. Keibert Ruiz singles. Joey Meneses doubles. Keibert Ruiz to third. **Ildemaro Vargas singles, Joey Meneses to third, Keibert Ruiz scores.** Carter Kieboom reaches on a fielder's choice. Ildemaro Vargas out at second.
Pirates 2, Nationals 1

PIRATES FIFTH
Endy Rodriguez doubles. Joshua Palacios singles. Endy Rodriguez to third. **Miguel Andujar singles, Joshua Palacios to second, Endy Rodriguez scores.** Alika Williams walks. Ji Hwan Bae reaches on a fielder's choice. Alika Williams to second. Miguel Andujar to third. Joshua Palacios out at home. **Bryan Reynolds grounds out, Ji Hwan Bae to second, Alika Williams to third, Miguel Andujar scores.** Ke'Bryan Hayes is intentionally walked. Jack Suwinski called out on strikes.
Pirates 4, Nationals 1

PIRATES SEVENTH
Miguel Andujar grounds out. Alika Williams singles. Ji Hwan Bae doubles. Alika Williams to third. Bryan Reynolds is intentionally walked. **Ke'Bryan Hayes out on a sacrifice fly, Bryan Reynolds to second, Ji Hwan Bae to third, Alika Williams scores.** Jack Suwinski is intentionally walked. Connor Joe grounds out.
Pirates 5, Nationals 1

NL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Philadelphia	79	66	.545	+3½
Chicago	78	68	.534	+2
Arizona	76	70	.521	—
x-San Francisco	74	70	.514	1
Cincinnati	75	71	.514	1
Miami	74	71	.510	1½

x-Late game

AL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Tampa Bay	89	57	.610	+8½
Texas	80	64	.556	+½
Toronto	80	65	.552	—
x-Seattle	79	65	.549	½
Boston	73	72	.503	7
New York	73	72	.503	7

x-Late game

NL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games.

BATTING
Arraez, Mia .349
Freeman, LA .335
Acuña Jr., Atl .334
Bellinger, Chi .317
Betts, LA .313
Harris II, Atl .295
Harper, Phi .294
Stott, Phi .287

HOME RUNS
Olson, Atl 50
Alonso, NY 43
Schwarber, Phi 43
Betts, LA 39
Acuña Jr., Atl 36
Muncy, LA 35
Soler, Mia 35

ERA
Steele, Chi 2.49
Snell, SD 2.52
Senga, NY 3.07
Kelly, Ari 3.16
Gallen, Ari 3.31
Elder, Atl 3.38
Webb, SF 3.40

SAVES
Doval, SF 37
Díaz, Cin 35
Bednar, Pit 33
Williams, Mil 32
Iglesias, Atl 29
Hader, SD 28

AL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games.

BATTING
Seager, Tex .337
Díaz, TB .324
Bichette, Tor .310
Ohtani, LA .304
Yoshida, Bos .293
Tucker, Hou .288

HOME RUNS
Ohtani, LA 44
Robert Jr., Chi 35
García, Tex 34
Judge, NY 31
Seager, Tex 30
Rodríguez, Sea 30
Paredes, TB 29
Devers, Bos 29

ERA
Cole, NY 2.79
Gray, Min 2.96
Bradish, Bal 3.03
Castillo, Sea 3.08
Gausman, Tor 3.28
Valdez, Hou 3.32
López, Min 3.43

SAVES
Clase, Cle 39
Romano, Tor 34
Bautista, Bal 33
Estévez, LA 30
Pressly, Hou 30
Jansen, Bos 29



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Swinging for the fences

Braves slugger Matt Olson clubbed a solo homer off Phillies right-hander Zack Wheeler to equal Andruw Jones's franchise record with his 51st blast of the season in a 7-6 win in Philadelphia on Tuesday night.

O's hitters squander Means's solid return

CARDINALS 5, ORIOLES 2

BY JACOB CALVIN MEYER

BALTIMORE — The way John Means pitched Tuesday was encouraging. The way his offense hit wasn't.

In his first start since April 2022, Means pitched five innings of three-run ball, pounding the strike zone and looking like a starting pitcher capable of remaining in the rotation for the remainder of the season.

But Baltimore's bats didn't back him up, putting together perhaps their worst offensive performance in weeks against the worst statistical starting pitcher in the major leagues. St. Louis Cardinals right-hander Adam Wainwright entered Tuesday with an 8.19 ERA that was 1.31 runs worse than that of any other starter with more than 80 innings pitched, but the Orioles couldn't capitalize against the struggling veteran and his bullpen in a 5-2 loss.

The matchup against the National League Central-worst Cardinals was ripe for the taking, as the Orioles have spent the past few weeks with one of the best offenses in the game.

But despite totaling nine hits and five walks, Baltimore couldn't come through with runners in scoring position, going 1 for 12 in such situations with three double plays and 10 runners left on base. The club entered Tuesday with an .850 OPS in those moments, ranking first in the majors.

The lone runs the offense managed came off Wainwright in the fifth inning on an Anthony Santander single and a Ryan O'Hearn groundout. Wainwright, who tossed five innings of two-run ball, has spent the 2023 season searching for his 200th win, entering the campaign with 195. He is at 199.

— Baltimore Sun

Braves 7, Phillies 6 (10)

Matt Olson tied the Braves' season home run record with 51, and Atlanta moved to the cusp of the NL East title, beating Philadelphia in 10 innings.

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Acuña Jr. rf	5	1	1	2	0	1	.333
Albies 2b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.263
Riley 3b	3	1	1	0	2	1	.274
Olson 1b	4	2	2	1	1	1	.281
Ozuna dh	5	1	2	3	0	2	.267
Wall pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	0	.250
d'Arnaud c	5	0	0	0	0	1	.229
Rosario lf	5	0	3	1	0	0	.267
Arcia ss	3	0	0	0	2	0	.273
Harris II cf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.294
TOTALS	40	7	10	7	5	8	—

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	4	0	0	0	1	4	.199
Turner ss	5	1	3	2	0	1	.272
Bohm 3b	4	0	1	0	1	1	.278
Harper 1b	3	1	2	1	2	0	.297
Realmuto c	5	0	1	0	0	2	.250
Castellanos rf	5	2	2	1	0	0	.270
Sosa 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.254
Stott ph-2b	3	1	1	2	0	0	.288
Pache lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.274
Marsh ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.284
Rojas cf	4	1	2	0	1	0	.288
TOTALS	40	6	12	6	5	13	—

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LOB: Atlanta 9, Philadelphia 10. **2B:** Rosario (23), Rojas (7). **HR:** Olson (51), off Wheeler; Acuña Jr. (37), off Wheeler; Ozuna (34), off Wheeler; Castellanos (23), off Fried; Harper (17), off Jiménez; Stott (15), off Jiménez; Turner (26), off Iglesias.

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Fried	5	4	1	1	2	6	2.64
Tonkin	2	2	1	1	2	3	3.64
Jiménez	⅓	3	3	3	0	0	3.38
Minter	⅔	0	0	0	1	2	3.84
Iglesias	1	3	1	1	0	1	3.26
Hand	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.26

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wheeler	5	7	6	6	3	4	3.70
Domínguez	1⅔	1	0	0	0	1	4.09
Marte	1⅓	1	0	0	1	1	4.95
Alvarado	1	0	0	0	1	2	1.78
Kimbrel	1	1	1	0	0	0	3.34

WP: Iglesias (5-4); **LP:** Kimbrel (7-6); **S:** Hand (1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Marte 1-0. **WP:** Fried. **T:** 3:28. **A:** 28,683 (42,901).

Mets 7, Diamondbacks 4

Ronny Mauricio hit his first major league homer and Pete Alonso belted his 44th of the season as New York dealt wild-card contender Arizona a costly loss.

Francisco Álvarez also went deep and José Butto earned his first career win for the Mets.

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Carroll rf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.279
Marte 2b	4	0	1	1	1	1	.276
Pham dh	4	1	1	0	1	2	.268
Walker 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.264
Thomas cf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.239
Gurriel Jr. lf	4	1	2	1	0	2	.258
J.Peterson 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.197
Herrera c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.208
Longoria ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.230
Zavala c	0	0	0	1	0	0	.667
Perdomo ss	2	1	0	1	2	0	.258
TOTALS	31	4	6	4	7	8	—

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	2	3	0	1	1	.266
Lindor ss	4	0	1	2	0	2	.250
McNeil lf	4	1	0	0	0	0	.266
Alonso 1b	5	1	2	2	0	1	.224
Stewart rf	5	1	3	0	0	0	.281
Mauricio 2b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.306
Vientos dh	4	0	2	0	0	1	.206
Baty 3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.207
Alvarez c	3	1	1	1	1	1	.216
TOTALS	36	7	13	7	3	9	—

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E: Hartwig (1). **LOB:** Arizona 9, New York 10. **2B:** Nimmo 2 (25), Stewart (8). **3B:** Marte (9), Nimmo (5). **HR:** Mauricio (1), off R.Nelson; Alonso (44), off R.Nelson; Alvarez (23), off McGough.

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
R.Nelson	4⅓	7	6	6	2	3	5.53
Mantiply	1	2	0	0	1	2	5.68
Castro	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	4.87
McGough	2	3	1	1	0	3	4.39

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Butto	5	2	1	1	3	7	3.46
Hartwig	1	2	1	1	1	0	5.33
Bickford	1	0	0	0	1	0	6.16
Coonrod	⅓	2	2	2	2	0	9.45
Ottavino	1⅔	0	0	0	0	1	2.97

WP: Butto (1-2); **LP:** R.Nelson (7-8); **S:** Ottavino (10). **Inherited runners-scored:** Castro 1-0, McGough 1-0, Ottavino 3-0. **WP:** R.Nelson. **T:** 2:53. **A:** 33,506

GAME 1

White Sox 6, Royals 2

Dylan Cease won consecutive decisions for just the third time this season, and Chicago beat Kansas City in a doubleheader opener.

Cease allowed one run and four hits in 5⅓ innings with eight strikeouts and one walk. Bryan Shaw struck out three over 1⅔ innings, Lane Ramsey one and Gregory Santos two in a perfect ninth.

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Garcia 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.272
Witt Jr. ss	3	2	3	0	1	0	.276
Perez c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.247
Melendez lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.232
Olivares dh	4	0	2	2	0	0	.263
Velázquez rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.244
Loftin 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.296
Waters cf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.235
Pratto 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.231
TOTALS	34	2	7	2	2	14	—

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	3	1	2	0	1	0	.240
Benintendi lf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.268
Robert Jr. cf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.271
Jiménez dh	4	1	1	1	0	1	.272
Moncada 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.260
Vaughn 1b	3	1	1	0	1	2	.257
Thompson rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.178
Sheets rf-1b	3	0	1	2	1	0	.207
Andrus 2b	4	0	2	2	0	0	.254
Lee c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.081
TOTALS	30	6	9	6	5	4	—

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LOB: Kansas City 7, Chicago 5. **2B:** Olivares (20), Vaughn (27).

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Singer	5⅓	9	6	6	2	2	5.51
Kowar	1⅔	0	0	0	1	2	5.32
Keller	1	0	0	0	2	0	4.26

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cease	5⅓	4	1	1	1	8	4.87
Shaw	1⅔	1	0	0	0	3	4.89
Ramsey	⅔	2	1	1	1	1	3.71
Santos	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	3.03

WP: Cease (7-7); **LP:** Singer (8-11); **S:** Santos (5). **Inherited runners-scored:** Kowar 1-0, Shaw 2-0, Santos 2-0. **WP:** Ramsey. **T:** 2:33.

GAME 2

Royals 11, White Sox 10

Maikel García hit a tie-breaking single in the seventh inning after Kansas City wasted a nine-run lead, and the Royals hung on to beat Chicago.

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Garcia 3b	5	2	3	1	1	1	.276
Witt Jr. ss	3	1	0	1	2	0	.275
Perez dh	4	2	2	2	0	2	.250
Massey 2b	5	2	1	3	0	3	.221
Olivares lf	3	1	1	1	2	0	.264
Waters rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Duffy 1b	4	0	0	1	0	2	.249
Pratto 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Porter c	4	1	2	2	0	1	.500
Isbel cf	5	1	2	0	0	1	.235
Blanco rf-lf	4	1	1	0	1	1	.239
TOTALS	37	11	12	11	6	11	—

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Moncada 3b	5	1	1	1	0	3	.259
Vaughn 1b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.258
Robert Jr. cf	5	1	1	2	0	0	.270
Jiménez dh	5	2	2	1	0	0	.273
Grandal c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Pérez c	1	1	0	0	1	0	.233
Thompson lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.163
Sheets rf	3	1	1	3	0	0	.208
Andrus ph-ss	1	0	1	0	0	0	.256
Sosa 2b	3	1	1	1	0	0	.193
Remillard ss-rf	3	1	1	1	0	1	.256
Benintendi ph	0	1	0	0	1	0	.268
TOTALS	37	10	10	10	2	6	—

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E: Isbel (1), Duffy (10), Pérez 2 (2). **LOB:** Kansas City 11, Chicago 3. **2B:** Isbel (20), Olivares (21), Remillard (7), Vaughn (28), Sheets (9). **HR:** Massey (12), off Toussaint; Jiménez (16), off Lyles.

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lyles	5	7	7	7	0	3	6.44
Clarke	1	1	2	1	1	2	5.53
Snider	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.40
Zerpa	1	1	0	0	0	0	6.11
Hernández	1	1	1	1	1	1	4.87

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Toussaint	1	6	8	8	2	1	5.69
Patiño	3	3	1	1	2	2	3.38
Banks	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.70
García	1	1	1	1	1	1	9.00
Bummer	1⅓	1	0	0	0	4	6.71
Kopech	⅔	1	1	1	1	1	5.23

WP: Clarke (3-5); **LP:** García (0-1); **S:** Hernández (4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Clarke 2-2. **HBP:** Toussaint 2 (Perez,Massey), García (Porter). **WP:** Lyles, Hernández, Patiño. **T:** 3:13. **A:** 14,824 (40,241).

Cardinals 5, Orioles 2

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nootbaar rf-cf	5	0	1	1	0	1	.274
Edman cf-2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.243
Goldschmidt 1b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.272
Arenado 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.270
Contreras c	2	1	1	0	0	0	.262
Knizner ph-c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.240
O'Neill lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.242
Gorman 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Palacios pr-rf	3	2	2	2	0	0	.317
Walker dh	2	1	1	1	1	0	.272
Winn ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.162
TOTALS	35	5	8	5	1	4	—

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Rutschman dh	3	1	1	0	2	0	.272
Henderson ss	4	1	2	0	1	0	.259
Santander rf	5	0	2	1	0	1	.261
O'Hearn 1b	3	0	0	1	0	0	.301
Mountcastle ph-1b	0	0	0	0	1	0	.269
Mullins cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Hays lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.287
Frazier 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.249
Urías ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.268
Westburg 3b-2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.278
McCann c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.224
TOTALS	34	2	9	2	5	4	—

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E: Arenado (9). **LOB:** St. Louis 5, Baltimore 10. **2B:** Henderson (26), Hays (36), Santander (36). **HR:** Goldschmidt (24), off Means; Palacios (2), off Means; Palacios (3), off López. **RBI:** Goldschmidt (74), Walker (46), Palacios 2 (8), Nootbaar (43), Santander (84), O'Hearn (53). **SF:** Walker.

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wainwright	5	7	2	2	3	3	7.95
Gallegos	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	4.36
Liberatore	1⅓	1	0	0	1	0	5.67
King	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.38
Helsley	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.70

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Means	5	4	3	3	0	1	5.40
López	1⅔	1	2	2	1	2	6.35
Pérez	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	3.31
Irvin	2	2	0	0	0	1	4.54

WP: Wainwright (4-11); **LP:** Means (0-1); **S:** Helsley (9). **Inherited runners-scored:** Liberatore 1-0, Pérez 1-1. **T:** 2:45. **A:** 15,526 (45,971).

ORIOLES' LEADERS

Entering Wednesday's game.

Batters	Avg	R	H	2B	HR	RBI	BB
O'Hearn	.301	41	86	19	12	53	13
Hicks	.296	31	48	6	7	29	24
Hays	.287	72	135	36	14	61	33
Westburg	.278	24	49	15	3	21	14
Rutschman	.272	77	144	24	18	70	83

Brewers 3, Marlins 1

Josh Donaldson homered for the first time with his new team and Freddy Peralta turned in another stellar outing as Milwaukee downed Miami.

The Brewers (81-63) are a season-high 18 games above .500 and reached the mark for the first time since they finished the 2021 season at 95-67.

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Arraez 1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.348
Bell dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Burger 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.288
Chisholm Jr. cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.252
De La Cruz lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Sánchez rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Hampson ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.282
Edwards 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.295
Wendle ss	2	0	0	0	0	1	.224
Berti ph-ss	0	0	0	0	1	0	.278
Stallings c	3	0	0	0	0	3	.195
TOTALS	29	1	2	1	1	12	—

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Frelick cf-rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.250
Contreras c	3	0	0	1	0	1	.281
Santana 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.223
Canha lf	0	1	0	0	1	0	.303
Wiemer ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.208
Adames ss	2	0	0	0	2	1	.214
Donaldson dh	2	1	2	1	2	0	.500
Turang 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.220
Monasterio 3b	2	1	1	1	1	1	.273
Taylor rf-lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.222
TOTALS	26	3	5	3	6	7	—

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LOB: Miami 2, Milwaukee 7. **2B:** Monasterio (13). **HR:** Arraez (7), off Peralta; Donaldson (1), off Cabrera.

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Chargois	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.53
Cabrera	4⅔	1	2	2	6	5	4.52
Puk	⅔	2	1	1	0	2	4.28
Soriano	1⅔	1	0	0	0	0	3.30

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Peralta	6⅓	2	1	1	0	9	3.79
Milner	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.98
Uribe	⅓	0	0	0	1	1	1.50
Williams	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.68

WP: Peralta (12-8); **LP:** Cabrera (6-7); **S:** Williams (33). **Inherited runners-scored:** Puk 2-0, Soriano 2-1. **HBP:** Soriano (Wiemer). **T:** 2:28. **A:** 26,466 (41,700).

GAME 1

Yankees 3, Red Sox 2

Gleyber Torres had a go-ahead, two-run single in the sixth inning and started a game-ending double play with the bases loaded, helping New York open a doubleheader with just its second win in 10 meetings with its rival this year.

Boston's wild-card hopes continued to fade with its fifth loss in six games.

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 1b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.238
Judge rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.258
Torres 2b	4	0	1	2	0	2	.269
Stanton dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.198
Volpe ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.210
Kiner-Falefa 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.241
Florial cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Pereira lf	3	1	0	0	0	2	.143
Higashioka c	4	1	3	0	0	1	.233
TOTALS	32	3	5	3	3	14	—

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Verdugo rf	5	0	1	0	0	1	.276
Devers 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.271
Turner dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.283
Casas 1b	4	1	3	0	0	1	.267
Yoshida lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.291
Abreu cf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.341
Rafaela ss	3	0	0	0	1	2	.333
Valdez 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.246
McGuire c	3	0	1	0	1	1	.278
TOTALS	32	2	7	1	5	8	—

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LOB: New York 6, Boston 8. **2B:** LeMahieu (20), Casas (21). **HR:** Devers (30), off Vásquez.

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Vásquez	3⅔	3	2	2	1	3	2.67
Brito	2⅓	3	0	0	1	2	4.69
Kahnle	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.37
Peralta	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.89
Holmes	1	0	0	0	3	0	3.00

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pivetta	5⅓	4	3	3	1	10	4.56
Llovera	1⅔	1	0	0	1	1	4.70
Schreiber	2	0	0	0	1	3	3.38

WP: Brito (7-7); **LP:** Pivetta (9-9); **S:** Holmes (19). **Inherited runners-scored:** Brito 1-0, Llovera 2-0. **HBP:** Pivetta (Pereira). **WP:** Vásquez. **T:** 2:45. **A:** 30,029 (37,755).

GAME 2

Yankees 4, Red Sox 1

Gleyber Torres keyed New York to its first doubleheader sweep in Boston since 2006, scoring the go-ahead run on a bases-loaded grounder in the sixth.

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Florial cf	3	0	1	1	1	2	.143
Judge dh	3	0	0	0	2	2	.256
Torres 2b	4	1	2	1	1	1	.271
Wells c	4	0	1	1	0	2	.120
Kiner-Falefa 3b	4	0	1	0	1	2	.241
Bauers 1b	5	0	1	1	0	2	.202
Peraza ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.190
Cabrera rf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.209
Pereira lf	3	2	1	0	1	2	.152
TOTALS	33	4	9	4	7	15	—

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Rafaela cf	5	1	2	1	0	1	.345
Refsnyder lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.245
Abreu ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.326
Turner dh	3	0	1	0	2	0	.283
Casas 1b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.265
Duvall rf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.256
Story ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.185
Reyes 2b	2	0	0	0	2	0	.299
Urías 3b	2	0	1	0	1	1	.224
Devers ph-3b	0	0	0	0	1	0	.271
Wong c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.251
TOTALS	33	1	6	1	7	13	—

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E: Wong (11). **LOB:** New York 11, Boston 12. **2B:** Cabrera (10), Refsnyder (8), Rafaela (3). **HR:** Rafaela (1), off Rodón.

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodón	5	4	1	1	4	9	6.14
McAllister	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.00
Misiewicz	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Bowman	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.00
Ramirez	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.70

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Crawford	4⅔	3	1	1	3	7	4.26
Winckowski	1⅓	1	1	1	2	0	2.95
Bernardino	⅓	1	0	0	0	1	2.60
Weiss	⅔	0	0	0	0	2	6.75
Martin	1	2	0	0	0	2	1.14
Jansen	0	1	2	1	1	0	3.63
Robertson	1	1	0	0	1	3	6.00

WP: Rodón (3-5); **LP:** Winckowski (3-2); **S:** Ramirez (1). Jansen pitched to 2 batters in the 9th **Inherited runners-scored:** Misiewicz 1-0, Winckowski 1-0, Weiss 2-0, Robertson 2-2. **IBB:** off Bowman (Devers), off Robertson (Judge). **HBP:** Bernardino (Florial). **WP:** Rodón, Bowman. **T:** 3:39. **A:** 30,392 (37,755).

Rangers 6, Blue Jays 3

Robbie Grossman hit a two-run home run and Max Scherzer pitched 5⅓ scoreless innings before leaving because of a right triceps spasm as Texas leapfrogged Toronto in the AL wild-card race.

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.278
Seager ss	4	2	3	1	1	0	.341
Grossman rf	3	1	1	2	1	2	.237
Jankowski rf	1	0	1	1	0	0	.267
Garver dh	5	0	1	0	0	0	.282
Heim c	3	0	1	1	0	0	.264
Lowe 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.275
Duran lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.276
Carter ph-lf	1	1	0	0	1	1	.300
Taveras cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.269
Ornelas 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
J.Smith ph-3b	1	1	1	1	1	0	.189
TOTALS	35	6	9	6	4	8	—

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer rf-cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.263
Bichette ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.308
Guerrero Jr. dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.263
Horwitz 1b	3	1	1	0	0	1	.310
Merrifield ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.281
Schneider 2b-lf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.370
Biggio 3b-rf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.232
Varsho lf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.218
Espinal ph-3b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.242
Kiermaier cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Clement ph-2b	1	0	0	1	0	0	.370
Heineman c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.238
TOTALS	33	3	7	3	1	5	—

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LOB: Texas 7, Toronto 4. **2B:** Seager 2 (39), Taveras (30), J.Smith (7), Biggio (10), Schneider (10), Horwitz (2), Espinal (12). **HR:** Grossman (9), off Ryu; Schneider (8), off Chapman.

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Scherzer	5⅓	3	0	0	1	2	3.20
Leclerc	1	1	1	1	0	1	3.17
Burke	⅓	2	1	1	0	0	4.32
Stratton	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.45
Chapman	1	1	1	1	0	2	3.28

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ryu	6	5	3	3	1	5	2.92
García	⅔	2	2	2	0	1	4.32
Mayza	⅓	1	0	0	0	1	1.31
Swanson	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.05
Richards	1	1	1	1	3	1	4.13

WP: Scherzer (4-2); **LP:** Ryu (3-3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Burke 1-1, Stratton 1-0, Mayza 1-1. **T:** 2:39. **A:** 30,479

Twins 3, Rays 2

Willi Castro hit a two-run home run in the seventh inning, and Minnesota rallied to beat Tampa Bay.

Edouard Julien also homered for the Twins, who lost the first two in the four-game series.

The Rays missed an opportunity to gain ground in the AL East with Baltimore losing to St. Louis. Tampa Bay is three games behind.

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Díaz 1b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.323
Mead 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.243
B.Lowe 2b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.234
Arozarena lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.256
J.Lowe rf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.287
Paredes 3b-1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.255
Raley cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.248
Walls ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.209
Aranda dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.212
Pinto c	3	1	2	1	0	1	.275
TOTALS	32	2	6	2	2	11	—

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Julien dh	3	1	1	1	1	0	.273
Lewis 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.306
Solano 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.287
Kepler rf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.251
Correa ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.229
Castro cf-lf	3	1	1	2	0	1	.255
Wallner lf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.220
Farmer 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Vázquez c	3	0	1	0	0	2	.221
TOTALS	30	3	6	3	2	9	—

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LOB: Tampa Bay 5, Minnesota 5. **2B:** B.Lowe (15), Wallner (7). **HR:** Pinto (5), off Ryan; Julien (12), off Littell; Castro (7), off Littell.

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Littell	7	5	3	3	0	8	4.06
Kittredge	⅔	1	0	0	1	1	5.40
Devenski	⅓	0	0	0	1	0	5.40

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ryan	4⅔	5	2	2	2	7	4.20
Varland	2⅓	1	0	0	0	3	5.05
Thielbar	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.05
Duran	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.51

WP: Varland (4-3); **LP:** Littell (3-6); **S:** Duran (26). **Inherited runners-scored:** Devenski 2-0, Varland 2-0. **T:** 2:22. **A:** 24,390 (38,544).

Reds 6, Tigers 5 (10)

Tyler Stephenson had an RBI single in the 10th for Cincinnati, with Noelvi Marte sliding around Jake Rogers's tag at the plate.

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
India 2b	4	0	1	2	1	1	.252
Senzel 3b	3	0	2	0	0	1	.233
Benson ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.271
Steer rf-3b-lf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.267
Renfroe dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.154
Martini ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.245
Marte pr-3b	0	1	0	0	0	0	.254
Stephenson c	5	1	1	1	0	0	.254
Votto 1b	4	1	1	0	1	0	.202
De La Cruz ss	4	2	1	0	1	1	.235
Bader cf	4	0	2	0	2	0	.227
Fraley ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.266
Friedl lf-cf	3	1	1	1	1	0	.271
TOTALS	40	6	9	6	4	10	—

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Vierling lf	4	1	1	0	1	1	.269
Ibáñez 2b	4	2	2	2	1	0	.252
Torkelson 1b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.234
Rogers c	4	1	2	0	0	1	.209
Baddoo ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.216
Carpenter rf	5	0	2	2	0	2	.294
Cabrera dh	4	0	1	1	0	3	.251
Short 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.213
McKnstry ph-3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Báez ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.217
Meadows cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.197
TOTALS	38	5	9	5	2	11	—

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E: Short (8), Ibáñez (7). **LOB:** Cincinnati 9, Detroit 7. **2B:** Senzel (10), Bader (1), Vierling (16), Ibáñez (21). **HR:** Ibáñez (11), off Williamson.

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Williamson	4	7	5	5	2	4	4.47
Cruz	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.24
Duarte	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.76
Sims	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.42
Gibaut	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.18
A.Díaz	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.19
Farmer	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.50

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wentz	2⅔	6	5	2	3	1	6.65
Brieske	2	2	0	0	1	4	4.28
Vest	1⅓	0	0	0	0	4	3.15
Holton	1⅔	0	0	0	0	0	2.15
Foley	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.48
Lange	1	1	1	0	0	1	3.51

WP: A.Díaz (9-4); **LP:** Lange (6-4); **S:** Farmer (3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Cruz 1-1, Brieske 2-0, Vest 2-0. **HBP:** A.Díaz (Meadows). **WP:** Cruz. **T:** 3:23. **A:** 15,080 (41,083).

Athletics 6, Astros 2

Shea Langeliers and Tony Kemp both homered as Oakland jumped on Justin Verlander early in a win over Houston.

The Athletics have won the first two games of this series. The Astros' lead in the AL West dwindled to one game with their loss and a win by Texas over Toronto.

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kemp lf	5	1	1	1	0	0	.214
Gelof 2b	5	2	2	0	0	0	.271
Noda 1b	3	2	1	1	0	2	.239
S.Brown rf	4	0	2	2	0	2	.224
Langeliers c	4	1	1	2	0	1	.207
Butler cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.218
Díaz ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Ruiz cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.249
J.Diaz 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Smith 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.205
Soderstrom dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.160
Allen ss	4	0	2	0	0	0	.214
TOTALS	37	6	10	6	0	7	—

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.312
Peña ss	4	0	1	1	0	0	.263
Alvarez dh	4	0	1	0	0	3	.298
Bregman 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.268
Tucker rf	4	0	0	1	0	0	.286
J.Abreu 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.234
McCormick lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.282
Dubón cf	3	1	2	0	0	0	.278
Maldonado c	2	0	1	0	1	0	.187
TOTALS	32	2	6	2	2	8	—

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LOB: Oakland 5, Houston 5. **2B:** Gelof 2 (18), S.Brown 2 (18), Peña (30), Dubón (25). **HR:** Langeliers (19), off Verlander; Kemp (5), off Verlander.

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sears	6	5	2	2	2	3	4.45
Erceg	1	1	0	0	0	2	5.44
Jiménez	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.78
May	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.61

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Verlander	7	8	5	5	0	7	3.86
Mushinski	⅓	1	1	1	0	0	5.52
Kuhnel	1⅔	1	0	0	0	0	4.15

WP: Sears (5-11); **LP:** Verlander (5-3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Kuhnel 1-0. **HBP:** Mushinski (Noda). **T:** 2:26. **A:** 36,504 (41,000).

NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Blue Jays: RHP Alex Manoah, the team's Opening Day starter who was later demoted to the minors, reportedly won't pitch again this season while he recovers from a variety of injuries.

Dodgers: RHP Kyle Hurt, 25, the minor league leader in strikeout rate (145 in 88⅓ innings), will be called up to bolster the club's bullpen as the postseason nears.

Mets: David Stearns, 38, will be named president of baseball operations for the underperforming club.

Orioles: Closer Félix Bautista has a partially torn ulnar collateral ligament, but GM Mike Elias said the right-hander is throwing and might return for the playoffs.

Rays: Placed CF Jose Siri on the 10-day injured list with a fractured hand.

TODAY

NL games

NATIONALS AT PIRATES, 6:35	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Rutledge (R)	0-0	—	0-0
Keller (R)	11-9	4.22	15-14
CUBS AT ROCKIES, 3:10			
Taillon (R)	7-9	5.26	10-16
Blach (L)	2-1	4.58	3-6
BRAVES AT PHILLIES, 6:40			
Strider (R)	16-5	3.83	22-6
Sánchez (L)	2-3	3.26	7-8
DIAMONDBACKS AT METS, 7:10			
Gallen (R)	15-7	3.31	17-13
Lucchesi (L)	2-0	3.54	3-3
MARLINS AT BREWERS, 7:40			
Garrett (L)	8-6	3.82	19-8
Rea (R)	5-5	5.02	13-8
PADRES AT DODGERS, 10:10			
Snell (L)	13-9	2.52	15-14
Pepiot (R)	2-0	0.86	2-0

NL scores

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 6, at Pittsburgh 2
Game 1: Atlanta 10, at Philadelphia 8 (10)
Game 2: at Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 5
at Milwaukee 12, Miami 0
Arizona 4, at N.Y. Mets 3
Chicago Cubs 5, at Colorado 5
San Diego 11, at L.A. Dodgers 8

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Pittsburgh 5, Washington 1
Atlanta 7, at Philadelphia 6 (10)
at N.Y. Mets 7, Arizona 4
at Milwaukee 3, Miami 1
at Colorado 6, Chicago Cubs 4
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, late

Interleague games

CARDINALS AT ORIOLES, 6:35	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Rom (L)	0-2	7.79	1-3
Gibson (R)	14-8	5.12	17-12
GUARDIANS AT GIANTS, 3:45			
Allen (L)	7-7	3.68	14-8
Harrison (L)	1-1	4.87	2-2
REDS AT TIGERS, 6:40			
Phillips (R)	0-0	9.64	1-0
Rodriguez (L)	11-7	3.18	12-10

Interleague scores

MONDAY'S RESULTS
at Baltimore 11, St. Louis 5
at San Francisco 5, Cleveland 4 (10)

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
St. Louis 5, at Baltimore 2
Cincinnati 6, at Detroit 5 (10)
Cleveland at San Francisco, late

AL games

RAYS AT TWINS, 1:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Bradley (R)	5-7	5.44	8-10
Keuchel (L)	1-1	4.78	4-1
ANGELS AT MARINERS, 4:10			
TBD	----	----	----
Castillo (R)	12-7	3.08	17-12
RANGERS AT BLUE JAYS, 7:07			
Montgomery (L)	8-11	3.62	9-19
Kikuchi (L)	9-5	3.57	18-10
YANKEES AT RED SOX, 7:10			
Schmidt (R)	9-8	4.54	12-16
Houck (R)	4-9	5.28	7-10
ATHLETICS AT ASTROS, 7:10			
Blackburn (R)	4-4	3.88	10-7
Brown (R)	10-11	4.78	13-13
ROYALS AT WHITE SOX, 7:40			
TBD	----	----	----
Clevinger (R)	7-7	3.64	10-10

AL scores

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Texas 12, at Toronto 4
Oakland 4, at Houston 0
Tampa Bay 7, at Minnesota 4
L.A. Angels 8, at Seattle 5 (11)
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, ppd.
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, ppd.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Game 1: N.Y. Yankees 3, at Boston 2
Game 2: N.Y. Yankees 4, at Boston 1
Game 1: at Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 2
Game 2: Kansas City 11, at Chicago White Sox 10
Texas 6, at Toronto 3
at Minnesota 3, Tampa Bay 2
Oakland 6, at Houston 2
L.A. Angels at Seattle, late

SCOREBOARD



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Pittsburgh's Joshua Palacios, with teammate Ji Hwan Bae, belted a two-run home run in the second inning against his former team.

Old friend Palacios has big night against the Nats

NATIONALS FROM **D1**

pursuit of overlooked talent. They can give those players ample opportunity until their more-heralded prospects are ready. There's minimal risk — and certainly no guarantee of a reward.

In this case, Palacios didn't work out with Washington. He hit .213 with 15 strikeouts and one walk in 29 games. He was outrighted to Class AA Harrisburg in December to clear space on the 40-man roster. The Nationals didn't send him to Class AAA Rochester, which allowed the Pirates to take him in the minor league portion of the Rule 5 draft. And he isn't the only Palacios trying to find his way in the majors — Richie, his younger brother, hit a pair of home runs for the St. Louis Cardinals during their 5-2 win at Baltimore on Tuesday night.

Joshua fared well for the Pirates in the minors and has served as a fourth outfielder over 76 games for the big league team, but his numbers are by no means gaudy. Batting seventh Tuesday, he finished 2 for 4 with a walk and a stolen base to raise his average to .224. But he has provided the scuffling Pirates (67-78) with outfield depth that the Nationals (65-80) could have used, especially as injuries mounted earlier in the season.

"He's a lot quieter hitting," Nationals Manager Dave Martinez said. "He's not jumping as much. He's getting good pitches to hit, and he's swinging the bat well. He's swinging the bat aggressive. But I noticed that he's more under control a little bit and he's staying behind the baseball."

The Nationals have four players on their active roster whom they scooped off waivers. Right-hander Hunter Harvey, added in March 2022, has turned himself into one of the team's best relievers. Lefty Joe La Sorsa, snagged this June, hasn't pitched in this series but saved the bullpen with 3⅔ innings of relief Sunday.

Outfielder Alex Call, added in August 2022, was higher in the Nationals' pecking order than Palacios but has a .195 batting average in 365 at-bats this season. He had made just two starts in September before getting into the lineup Tuesday. Batting eighth and playing in left field, he went 0 for 2 with a strikeout before he was pinch-hit for by Jake Alu in the eighth.

Lefty Robert Garcia, who replaced Adon (four runs, eight hits, six walks, four strikeouts) in the fifth after he allowed three straight hits, including an RBI single by Miguel Andújar, is the other, added in August. He walked the first batter he faced to load the bases. He allowed a run to score when Bryan Reynolds grounded out, making it 4-1. After an intentional walk, Garcia got a strikeout to end the inning.

"He looked like his mechanics were a little off," Martinez said. "He was opening up a little bit too soon. He's a guy that can pound the strike zone. So today was kind of uncharacteristic with him. We'll talk to him tomorrow and try to get him back and home in on throwing strikes."

The Nationals walked 10 batters, though four were intentional. The Pirates scored their final run off Amos Willingham, who walked two, in the seventh on a Ke'Bryan Hayes sacrifice fly but left 15 runners on base.

With two outs in the seventh and Ildemaro Vargas (who had an RBI single in the fourth) on second base, the Nationals had a chance to get closer when Dominic Smith sent a single to right field. Third base coach Gary DiSarcina waved Vargas home, but Palacios threw him out. For the second time Tuesday, the former waiver claim had burned his old team.

Rutledge set to debut

Martinez said righty Jackson Rutledge, the Nationals' first-round draft pick in 2019, will start Wednesday night against the Pirates. It will be his major league debut.

Injuries early in Rutledge's pro career slowed his rise, but he made 20 starts at low Class A Fredericksburg last season and ended the year healthy. The 24-year-old got off to a strong start at Harrisburg this season, leading to a promotion to Rochester. He has a 3.71 ERA across 23 minor league starts in 2023.

The opening in the rotation was created when the Nationals pushed back Josiah Gray's next start to Thursday and MacKenzie Gore went on the injured list with blisters.

NATIONALS ON DECK

at Pittsburgh Pirates

Today	6:35	MASN2
Tomorrow	12:35	MASN

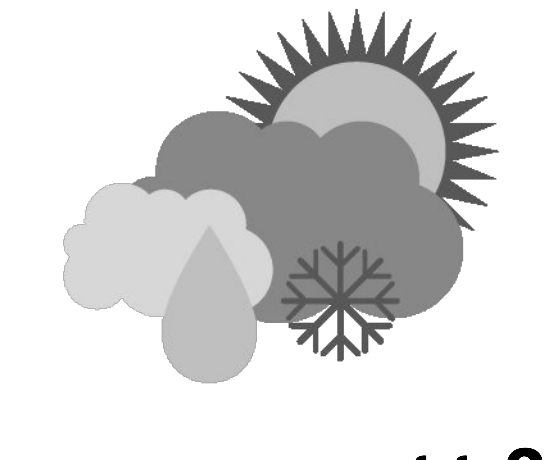
at Milwaukee Brewers

Friday	8:10	MASN
Saturday	7:10	MASN2
Sunday	2:10	MASN2

vs. Chicago White Sox

Monday	7:05	MASN2
Tuesday	7:05	MASN2
Sept. 20	1:05	MASN2

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM)



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PRO FOOTBALL

NFL

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	40	0
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	25	20
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	0	40

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	24	10
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	16	15
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	24

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	21	20
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	38	20
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	20	38
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	17	20

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	30	13
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	30	7
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	16	20
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	13	30

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	36	34
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	22	16
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	16	22
New England	0	1	0	.000	20	25

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	31	21
Houston	0	1	0	.000	9	25
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	21	31
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	15	16

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	25	9
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	24	3
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	3	24
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	7	30

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Las Vegas	1	0	0	1.000	17	16
Denver	0	1	0	.000	16	17
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	20	21
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	34	36

WEEK 1
THURSDAY'S RESULT
Detroit 21, at Kansas City 20

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 20, Arizona 16
at Baltimore 25, Houston 9
at Atlanta 24, Carolina 10
at Cleveland 24, Cincinnati 3
Jacksonville 31, at Indianapolis 21
at New Orleans 16, Tennessee 15
San Francisco 30, at Pittsburgh 7
Tampa Bay 20, at Minnesota 17
Green Bay 38, at Chicago 20
L.A. Rams 30, at Seattle 13
Las Vegas 17, at Denver 16
Miami 36, at L.A. Chargers 34
Philadelphia 25, at New England 20
Dallas 40, at N.Y. Giants 0

MONDAY'S RESULT
at N.Y. Jets 22, Buffalo 16 (OT)

WEEK 2
THURSDAY'S GAME
Minnesota at Philadelphia (-7), 8:15

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Denver (-3½), 4:25
Baltimore at Cincinnati (-3½), 1
Chicago at Tampa Bay (-3), 1
Green Bay (-1½) at Atlanta, 1
Indianapolis (-1) at Houston, 1
Kansas City (-3) at Jacksonville, 1
L.A. Chargers (-3) at Tennessee, 1
Las Vegas at Buffalo (-9½), 1
Seattle at Detroit (-5½), 1
N.Y. Giants (-6) at Arizona, 4:05
San Francisco (-8) at L.A. Rams, 4:05
N.Y. Jets at Dallas (-9½), 4:25
Miami (-2) at New England, 8:20

MONDAY'S GAMES
New Orleans (-3) at Carolina, 7:15
Cleveland (-2½) at Pittsburgh, 8:15

HIGH SCHOOLS

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
VOLLEYBALL
D.C.
Jackson-Reed def. Banneker 2-0 (25-4, 25-11)

MARYLAND
Glenelg def. Atholton 3-0 (25-16, 25-20, 25-21)
Long Reach def. Marriotts Ridge 3-1 (25-20, 22-25, 30-28, 25-14)

PRIVATE
Bishop O'Connell def. Archbishop Carroll 3-0
Bullis 3, Potomac 1
Maret def. Madeira 3-0 (25-19, 25-18, 25-15)
St. John's def. Good Counsel 3-0 (25-19, 25-20, 25-22)

VIRGINIA
Briar Woods def. Tuscarora (25-13, 25-16, 25-13)
Fauquier 3, Brentsville District 0
Forest Park def. Freedom 3-0
Kettle Run 3, Manassas Park 0
Meridian 3, Skyline 1

BOYS' SOCCER
MARYLAND
Broadneck 5, St. Mary's 0

PRIVATE
Bishop McNamara 2, DC International 1
Episcopal 2, Woodberry Forest 2
Spalding 6, Concordia Prep 5
St. Mary's Ryken 5, Pallotti 0

GIRLS' SOCCER
PRIVATE
Bullis 2, Madeira 0
Episcopal 1, Holton-Arms 0
Good Counsel 1, Potomac School 1
Holy Child 5, St. James 0
St. John's 1, Maret 1

MARYLAND
Eleanor Roosevelt 11, Bladensburg 0

GIRLS' TENNIS
PRIVATE
Flint Hill 6, Madeira 1
St. John's 7, Bishop Ireton 2

FIELD HOCKEY
PRIVATE
Georgetown Visitation 4, Potomac School 1
Holy Child 4, St. Stephen's/St. Agnes 0

MARYLAND
Blake 5, Northwest 4
Springbrook 4, Kennedy 0

VIRGINIA
Meridian 6, Brentsville District 0
Mountain View 2, Colgan 0

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series

POINTS LEADERS
Entering Saturday's race.

1. Kyle Larson, 2117.
2. Tyler Reddick, 2111.
3. Denny Hamlin, 2105.
4. William Byron, 2097.
5. Brad Keselowski, 2089.
6. Ryan Blaney, 2081.
7. Kyle Busch, 2080.
8. Ross Chastain, 2074.
9. Chris Buescher, 2069.
10. Christopher Bell, 2069.
11. Joey Logano, 2068.
12. Kevin Harvick, 2063.
13. Martin Truex Jr, 2056.
14. Bubba Wallace, 2044.
15. Ricky Stenhouse Jr, 2041.
16. Michael McDowell, 2023.
17. Ty Gibbs, 606.
18. Chase Elliott, 600.
19. Daniel Suárez, 597.
20. Alex Bowman, 563.
21. AJ Allmendinger, 557.
22. Austin Cindric, 493.
23. Aric Almirola, 491.
24. Justin Haley, 473.

Formula One

POINTS LEADERS
Entering Sunday's race.

1. Max Verstappen, 364.
2. Sergio Perez, 219.
3. Fernando Alonso, 170.
4. Lewis Hamilton, 164.
5. Carlos Sainz Jr, 117.
6. Charles Leclerc, 111.
7. George Russell, 109.
8. Lando Norris, 79.
9. Lance Stroll, 47.
10. Pierre Gasly, 37.
11. Esteban Ocon, 36.
12. Oscar Piastri, 36.
13. Alexander Albon, 21.
14. Nico Hulkenberg, 9.
15. Valtteri Bottas, 6.
16. Guanyu Zhou, 4.
17. Yuki Tsunoda, 3.
18. Kevin Magnussen, 2.
19. Logan Sargeant, 0.
20. Liam Lawson, 0.
21. Nyck De Vries, 0.
22. Daniel Ricciardo, 0.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA

THURSDAY'S GAMES
SOUTH
Navy (1-1) at Memphis (2-0), 7:30
Bethune Cookman (1-1) at Miami (2-0), 7:30

FRIDAY'S GAMES
EAST
Virginia (0-2) at Maryland (2-0), 7

SOUTHWEST
Army (1-1) at UTSA (1-1), 7

WEST
Utah State (1-1) at Air Force (2-0), 8

SATURDAY'S GAMES
EAST
Liberty (2-0) at Buffalo (0-2), noon
Holy Cross (1-1) at Yale (0-0), noon
Cornell (0-0) at Lehigh (1-1), noon
Florida State (2-0) at Boston College (1-1), noon
Columbia (0-0) at Lafayette (1-1), 12:30
Stonehill (1-1) at Georgetown (2-0), 12:30
Wagner (0-2) at Sacred Heart (0-2), 1
St. Thomas (Minn.) (1-1) at Harvard (0-0), 1
Campbell (1-1) at Monmouth (N.J.) (1-1), 1
Penn (0-0) at Colgate (0-2), 1
Davidson (0-2) at Marist (0-1), 1
Norfolk State (1-1) at Temple (1-1), 2
Rhode Island (1-1) at Maine (0-2), 3:30
Virginia Tech (1-1) at Rutgers (2-0), 3:30
Howard (1-1) vs. Hampton (1-1) in Washington, D.C., 3:30
FIU (2-1) at Connecticut (0-2), 3:30
Brown (0-0) at Bryant (1-1), 4
Virginia Lynchburg (0-1) at Merrimack (0-2), 6
Towson (0-2) at Morgan State (1-1), 6
St. Francis (Pa.) (0-2) at Delaware (1-1), 6
Dartmouth (0-0) at New Hampshire (1-1), 6
Pittsburgh (1-1) at West Virginia (1-1), 7:30

SOUTH
Wake Forest (2-0) at Old Dominion (1-1), noon
LSU (1-1) at Mississippi State (2-0), noon
VMI (1-1) at North Carolina State (1-1), 2
Florida Memorial (0-0) at Grambling State (0-2), 3
Northwestern (1-1) at Duke (2-0), 3:30
Delaware State (0-2) at Richmond (0-2), 3:30
Alabama (1-1) at South Florida (1-1), 3:30
South Carolina (1-1) at Georgia (2-0), 3:30
East Carolina (0-2) at Appalachian State (1-1), 3:30
Minnesota (2-0) at North Carolina (2-0), 3:30
Tulane (1-1) at Southern Mississippi (1-1), 4
William & Mary (2-0) at Charleston Southern (1-1), 4
Furman (1-1) at Kennesaw State (1-1), 5
Presbyterian (1-1) at Wofford (0-2), 6
West Florida (0-0) at Florida A&M (1-1), 6
Gardner Webb (1-1) at Tennessee State (1-1), 6
Georgia State (2-0) at Charlotte (1-1), 6
Western Carolina (1-1) at Eastern Kentucky (0-2), 6
North Carolina A&T (0-2) at Elon (0-2), 6
The Citadel (0-2) at Chattanooga (1-1), 6
Villanova (2-0) at UCF (2-0), 6:30
MVSU (0-1) at Delta State (0-0), 7
Duquesne (1-1) at Coastal Carolina (1-1), 7
McNeese State (0-2) at Alcorn State (0-2), 7
North Alabama (1-2) at Tennessee Tech (0-2), 7
Houston Christian (1-1) at UT Martin (1-1), 7
Murray State (1-1) at Middle Tennessee (0-2), 7
James Madison (2-0) at Troy (1-1), 7
Samford (1-1) at Auburn (2-0), 7
Stephen F. Austin (1-1) at Northwestern State (0-2), 7
Alabama A&M (1-1) at Southern (0-2), 7
North Texas (0-2) at Louisiana Tech (2-1), 7
Louisiana Lafayette (1-1) at UAB (1-1), 7
Tennessee (2-0) at Florida (1-1), 7
ETSU (1-1) at Austin Peay (0-2), 7
Akron (1-1) at Kentucky (2-0), 7:30
Georgia Tech (1-1) at Mississippi (2-0), 7:30
FAU (1-1) at Clemson (1-1), 8

MIDWEST
Penn State (2-0) at Illinois (1-1), noon
Kansas State (2-0) at Missouri (2-0), noon
CCSU (1-1) at Kent State (0-2), noon
Iowa State (1-1) at Ohio (2-1), noon
Indiana (1-1) vs. Louisville (2-0) in Indianapolis, noon
Georgia Southern (2-0) at Wisconsin (1-1), noon
Taylor (0-1) at Dayton (1-1), 1
Robert Morris (1-1) at Youngstown State (1-1), 2
Indiana State (0-2) at Ball State (0-2), 2
Massachusetts (1-2) at Eastern Michigan (1-1), 2
Lamar (0-2) at South Dakota (1-1), 2
Central Michigan (1-1) at Notre Dame (3-0), 2:30
Illinois State (2-0) at Eastern Illinois (1-1), 3
Western Michigan (1-1) at Iowa (2-0), 3:30
Central Arkansas (1-1) at North Dakota State (2-0), 3:30
South Dakota State (2-0) vs. Drake (0-2) in Minneapolis, 3:30
Western Kentucky (2-0) at Ohio State (2-0), 4
Washington (2-0) at Michigan State (2-0), 5
Wabash (0-0) at Butler (1-1), 6
Lindenwood (Mo.) (1-1) at Western Illinois (0-2), 7
Southern Illinois (2-0) at Southeast Missouri State (1-1), 7
Miami (Ohio) (1-1) at Cincinnati (2-0), 7
San Jose State (1-2) at Toledo (1-1), 7
Northern Illinois (1-1) at Nebraska (0-2), 7
Syracuse (2-0) at Purdue (1-1), 7:30
Bowling Green (1-1) at Michigan (2-0), 7:30

SOUTHWEST
LIU Brooklyn (0-2) at Baylor (0-2), noon
Oklahoma (2-0) at Tulsa (1-1), 3:30
Louisiana Monroe (2-0) at Texas A&M (1-1), 4
Miles (1-0) at Arkansas Pine Bluff (0-2), 5
Stony Brook (0-2) at Arkansas State (0-2), 7
Prairie View (1-1) at SMU (1-1), 7
Tarleton State (2-0) at Texas Tech (0-2), 7
South Alabama (1-1) at Oklahoma State (2-0), 7
Texas Southern (0-2) at Rice (1-1), 7
BYU (2-0) at Arkansas (2-0), 7:30
Wyoming (2-0) at Texas (2-0), 8
Incarnate Word (1-1) at Abilene Christian (2-0), 8
TCU (1-1) at Houston (1-1), 8
Jackson State (2-1) at Texas State (1-1), 8:30

WEST
North Dakota (2-0) at Boise State (0-2), noon
Weber State (2-0) at Utah (2-0), 2
Stetson (2-0) at Montana State (1-1), 3
San Diego State (2-1) at Oregon State (2-0), 3:30
North American University (0-0) at Portland State (0-2), 4
Southeastern Louisiana (0-2) at Eastern Washington (0-2), 4
Princeton (0-0) at San Diego (0-2), 4
Idaho (2-0) at California (1-1), 4
Utah Tech (0-2) at Northern Arizona (0-2), 4
North Carolina Central (2-0) at UCLA (2-0), 5
Northern Colorado (0-2) at Washington State (2-0), 5
Northern Iowa (0-2) at Idaho State (0-2), 6
Vanderbilt (2-1) at UNLV (1-1), 7
New Mexico State (1-2) at New Mexico (1-1), 8
Sacramento State (2-0) at Stanford (1-1), 8
Hawaii (1-2) at Oregon (2-0), 8
Lincoln University (CA) (0-0) at Cal Poly (1-1), 8
Ferris State (0-0) at Montana (2-0), 8
Southern Utah (0-2) at UC Davis (1-1), 10
Colorado State (0-1) at Colorado (2-0), 10
Kansas (2-0) at Nevada (0-2), 10:30
Fresno State (2-0) at Arizona State (1-1), 10:30
UTEP (1-2) at Arizona (1-1), 11

GOLF

Official World Golf Ranking

Through Sunday.

1.	Scottie Scheffler	11.70
2.	Rory McIlroy	10.97
3.	Jon Rahm	9.63
4.	Viktor Hovland	7.71
5.	Patrick Cantlay	7.36
6.	Xander Schauffele	6.83
7.	Max Homa	5.31
8.	Matt Fitzpatrick	5.14
9.	Brian Harman	5.03
10.	Wyndham Clark	4.89
11.	Jordan Spieth	4.43
12.	Cameron Smith	4.39
13.	Tyrrell Hatton	4.22
14.	Tommy Fleetwood	4.14
15.	Brooks Koepka	4.14
16.	Cameron Young	4.11
17.	Keegan Bradley	4.06
18.	Tom Kim	4.02
19.	Collin Morikawa	4.00
20.	Sam Burns	3.92
21.	Tony Finau	3.82
22.	Jason Day	3.66
23.	Sepp Straka	3.65
24.	Justin Thomas	3.56
25.	Rickie Fowler	3.51
26.	Will Zalatoris	3.51
27.	Sungjae Im	3.43
28.	Russell Henley	3.36
29.	Kurt Kitayama	3.11
30.	Lucas Glover	3.01
31.	Corey Conners	2.93
32.	Shane Lowry	2.74
33.	Hideki Matsuyama	2.72
34.	Emiliano Grillo	2.71
35.	Denny McCarthy	2.70
36.	Justin Rose	2.68
37.	Sahith Theegala	2.65
38.	Harris English	2.57
39.	Si Woo Kim	2.56
40.	Adam Schenk	2.35
41.	J.T. Poston	2.34
42.	Ryan Fox	2.29
43.	Adam Scott	2.28
44.	Chris Kirk	2.20
45.	Taylor Moore	2.16
46.	Nick Taylor	2.14
47.	Min Woo Lee	2.12
48.	Tom Hoge	2.10
49.	Cameron Davis	2.07
50.	Billy Horschel	2.06

LPGA Tour

MONEY LEADERS
Through Sunday.

		Trn	Money
1.	Allisen Corpuz	20	$2,952,832
2.	Ruoning Yin	16	$2,626,543
3.	Lilia Vu	15	$2,564,131
4.	Charley Hull	15	$2,292,687
5.	Celine Boutier	17	$2,185,557
6.	Hyo Joo Kim	15	$1,737,687
7.	Yuka Saso	16	$1,683,474
8.	Jin Young Ko	14	$1,490,931
9.	Ayaka Furue	19	$1,486,620
10.	Xiyu Lin	17	$1,484,218
11.	Nasa Hataoka	18	$1,430,369
12.	Brooke M. Henderson	20	$1,381,244

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA playoffs

Best of three; x-If necessary

FIRST ROUND
LIBERTY VS. MYSTICS
Friday's game: Washington at New York, 7:30
Tuesday, Sept. 19: Washington at New York, 7
x-Friday, Sept. 22: New York at Washington, 8

ACES VS. SKY
Wednesday's game: Chicago at Las Vegas, 10
Sunday's game: Chicago at Las Vegas, 3
x-Wednesday, Sept. 20: Las Vegas at Chicago, 10

SUN VS. LYNX
Wednesday's game: Minnesota at Connecticut, 8
Sunday's game: Minnesota at Connecticut, 1
x-Wednesday, Sept. 20: Connecticut at Minnesota, 8

WINGS VS. DREAM
Friday's game: Atlanta at Dallas, 9:30
Tuesday's game: Atlanta at Dallas, 9
x-Friday, Sept. 22: Dallas at Atlanta, 10

SEMIFINALS
SEPT. 24-OCT. 3
Best of five
New York/Washington winner vs. Connecticut/Minnesota winner
Las Vegas/Chicago winner vs. Dallas/Atlanta winner

FINALS
OCT. 8-20
Best of five
Semifinal winners

Associated Press WNBA awards

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
2023: Breanna Stewart, New York
2022: Breanna Stewart, Seattle
2021: Jonquel Jones, Connecticut
2020: A'ja Wilson, Las Vegas
2019: Elena Delle Donne, Washington
2018: Breanna Stewart, Seattle
2017: Sylvia Fowles, Minnesota
2016: Nneka Ogwumike, Los Angeles

COACH OF THE YEAR
2023: Stephanie White, Connecticut
2022: Tanisha Wright, Atlanta
2021: Curt Miller, Connecticut
2020: Cheryl Reeve, Minnesota
2019: Mike Thibault, Washington
2018: Nicki Collen, Atlanta
2017: Curt Miller, Connecticut
2016: Brian Agler, Los Angeles

COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR
2023: Napheesa Collier, Minnesota, and Brittney Griner, Phoenix
2022: Alyssa Thomas, Connecticut
2021: Kelsey Plum, Las Vegas
2020: Breanna Stewart, Seattle
2019: Isabelle Harrison, Dallas
2018: DeWanna Bonner, Phoenix
2017: Epiphanny Prince, New York
2016: Chiney Ogwumike, Connecticut

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER
2023: Satou Sabally, Dallas
2022: Jackie Young, Las Vegas
2021: Brionna Jones, Connecticut
2020: Betnijah Laney, Atlanta
2019: Leilani Mitchell, Phoenix
2018: Natasha Howard, Seattle
2017: Jonquel Jones, Connecticut
2016: Elizabeth Williams, Atlanta

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
2023: A'ja Wilson, Las Vegas
2022: A'ja Wilson, Las Vegas
2021: Sylvia Fowles, Minnesota
2020: Candace Parker, Los Angeles
2019: Natasha Howard, Seattle
2018: Sylvia Fowles, Minnesota
2017: Alana Beard, Los Angeles
2016: Sylvia Fowles, Minnesota

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
2023: Aliyah Boston, Indiana
2022: Rhyne Howard, Atlanta
2021: Michaela Onyenwere, New York
2020: Crystal Dangerfield, Minnesota
2019: Napheesa Collier, Minnesota
2018: A'ja Wilson, Las Vegas
2017: Allisha Gray, Dallas
2016: Breanna Stewart, Seattle

SIXTH WOMAN OF THE YEAR
2023: Alysha Clark, Las Vegas
2022: Brionna Jones, Connecticut
2021: Kelsey Plum, Las Vegas
2020: Dearica Hamby, Las Vegas
2019: Dearica Hamby, Las Vegas
2018: Jonquel Jones, Connecticut
2017: Sugar Rodgers, New York
2016: Jantel Lavender, Los Angeles

ALL-WNBA TEAM

2023
First team: Breanna Stewart, A'ja Wilson, Alyssa Thomas, Chelsea Gray, Jewell Loyd
Second team: Napheesa Collier, Sabrina Ionescu, Jackie Young, Arike Ogunbowale, Satou Sabally

2022
First team: Breanna Stewart, A'ja Wilson, Candace Parker, Kelsey Plum, Sabrina Ionescu
Second team: Jonquel Jones, Nneka Ogwumike, Alyssa Thomas, Skylar Diggins-Smith, Courtney Vandersloot

2021
First team: Jonquel Jones, Brittney Griner, Skylar Diggins-Smith, Breanna Stewart, Tina Charles
Second team: A'ja Wilson, Jewell Loyd, Sylvia Fowles, Candace Parker, Courtney Vandersloot

2020
First team: A'ja Wilson, Breanna Stewart, Candace Parker, Courtney Vandersloot, Arike Ogunbowale
Second team: DeWanna Bonner, Napheesa Collier, Diana Taurasi, Skylar Diggins-Smith, Alyssa Thomas

2019
First team: Elena Delle Donne, Brittney Griner, Courtney Vandersloot, Chelsea Gray, Jonquel Jones
Second team: Natasha Howard, Nneka Ogwumike, Liz Cambage, Diamond DeShields, DeWanna Bonner

2018
First team: Breanna Stewart, Liz Cambage, Elena Delle Donne, Diana Taurasi, Tiffany Hayes
Second team: Candace Parker, Maya Moore, Brittney Griner, Sylvia Fowles, Skylar Diggins-Smith

2017
First team: Sylvia Fowles, Tina Charles, Skylar Diggins-Smith, Candace Parker, Nneka Ogwumike
Second team: Jonquel Jones, Breanna Stewart, Maya Moore, Brittney Griner, Diana Taurasi

2016
First team: Breanna Stewart, Nneka Ogwumike, Tina Charles, Maya Moore, Elena Delle Donne
Second team: Sue Bird, Diana Taurasi, Angel McCoughtry, Candace Parker, Sylvia Fowles

ALL-ROOKIE TEAM
2023: Aliyah Boston, Diamond Miller, Dorka Juhasz, Jordan Horston, Haley Jones and Grace Berger
2022: Rhyne Howard, Shakira Austin, Rebekah Gardner, NaLyssa Smith, Sam Thomas
2021: Michaela Onyenwere, Didi Richards, Aari McDonald, Dana Evans, Charli Collier
2020: Crystal Dangerfield, Satou Sabally, Julie Allemand, Chennedy Carter, Jazmine Jones
2019: Napheesa Collier, Arike Ogunbowale, Teaira McCowan, Jackie Young, Brianna Turner
2018: A'ja Wilson, Diamond DeShields, Kelsey Mitchell, Azura Stevens, Kia Nurse, Ariel Atkins
2017: Allisha Gray, Kaela Davis, Brittney Sykes, Kelsey Plum, Shatori Walker-Kimbrough
2016: Breanna Stewart, Moriah Jefferson, Aerial Powers, Imani Boyette, Tiffany Mitchell

TRANSACTIONS

NFL

Atlanta Falcons: Promoted DL Joe Gaziano from the practice squad to the active roster.
Baltimore Ravens: Signed S Duron Harmon to the practice squad. Placed RB J.K. Dobbins on injured reserve. Signed CB Daryl Worley. Released CB Tae Hayes from the practice squad.
Carolina Panthers: Signed CB Lamar Jackson to the practice squad. Released WR Dezmon Paton from the practice squad.
Cincinnati Bengals: Waived DT Tautala Pesefea Jr. from injured reserve. Released OT La'el Collins from the reserve/physically unable to perform (PUP) list.
Cleveland Browns: Signed OT Ty Nsekhe and DT Tommy Togiai to the practice squad. Placed RT Jack Conklin on injured reserve. Promoted OL Michael Dunn from the practice squad to the active roster. Released CB Lorenzo Burns from the practice squad.
Green Bay Packers: Signed OL Michael Jordan to the practice squad. Released TE Austin Allen from the practice squad.
Houston Texans: Signed DE Derek Rivers. Signed RB Gerrid Doaks, S DeAndre Houston-Carson and WR Jared Wayne to the practice squad. Released DB Scott Nelson and RB Larry Rountree from the practice squad.
Indianapolis Colts: Signed C Jack Anderson, RB Tyler Goodson, G Ike Boettger and TE Jordan Murray to the practice squad. Released RB Jason Huntley, TE Johnny Lumpkin and WR Mike Strachan from the practice squad. Signed RB Jake Funk. Placed RB Evan Hull on injured reserve.
Los Angeles Chargers: Signed DE Ty Shelby to the practice squad. Released OT Austen Pleasants from the practice squad.
Los Angeles Rams: Promoted K Brett Maher from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed TE Miller Forristall and P Brandon Wright to the practice squad.
Minnesota Vikings: Signed WR Lucky Johnson to the practice squad. Signed RB Myles Gaskin.
New York Jets: Placed QB Aaron Rodgers on injured reserve. Signed WR Malik Taylor to the practice squad. Released LB Caleb Johnson from the practice squad. Reinstated DB Brandon Echols from the suspended list.
Philadelphia Eagles: Placed LB Nakobe Dean on injured reserve. Signed LB Rashaan Evans to the practice squad. Promoted LB Nicholas Morrow from the practice squad to the active roster. Waived WR Charleston Rambo from injured reserve with a settlement.
Pittsburgh Steelers: Signed WR Jacob Copeland to the practice squad. Released RB Greg Bell and CB Luq Barcoo from the practice squad.

TENNIS

WTA

SAN DIEGO OPEN
At Barnes Tennis Center; in San Diego
Purse: $780,637
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Danielle Collins, United States, def. Louisa Chirico, United States, 7-5, 6-0; Marta Kostyuk, Ukraine, def. Magda Linette, Poland, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5); Sofia Kenin, United States, def. Veronika Kudermetova (6), Russia, 6-4, 6-4; Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, def. Ekaterina Alexandrova (8), Russia, 7-6 (7-3), 6-7 (8-6), 7-5; Sloane Stephens, United States, def. Elise Mertens, Belgium, 6-1, 6-3.

DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
CoCo Vandeweghe and Danielle Collins, United States, def. Alycia Parks, United States, and Marta Kostyuk, Ukraine, 6-3, 4-6, 10-3; Aldila Sutjiadi, Indonesia, and Miyu Kato, Japan, def. Hao-Ching Chan, Taiwan, and Giuliana Olmos (3), Mexico, 4-6, 6-3, 10-2; Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, and Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, def. Caroline Dolehide and Claire Liu, United States, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4.

JAPAN OPEN
At Regional Park Tennis Stadium; in Osaka
Purse: $259,303
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Moyuka Uchijima, Japan, def. Ankita Raina, India, 6-4, 6-2; Elizabeth Mandlik, United States, def. Diane Parry, France, 7-5, 6-2; Panna Udvardy, Hungary, def. Tatjana Maria (2), Germany, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5); Jessika Ponchet, France, def. Viktorija Golubic, Switzerland, 6-4, 6-2; Anna Kalinskaya, Russia, def. Jule Niemeier, Germany, 6-4, 6-4; Rebecca Marino, Canada, def. Nao Hibino (7), Japan, 6-3, 6-4; Himeno Sakatsume, Japan, def. Alexandra Eala, Philippines, 6-0, 6-3; Arianne Hartono, Netherlands, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; Zhu Lin (1), China, def. Wang Xiyu, China, 6-4, 6-4; Yulia Putintseva (6), Kazakhstan, def. Valeria Savinykh, Russia, 6-1, 6-2.

DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
Despina Papamichail, Greece, and Fernanda Contreras, Mexico, def. Linda Fruhvirtova, Czech Republic, and Diana Shnaider, Russia, 6-4, 5-7, 15-13; Makoto Ninomiya and Eri Hozumi (2), Japan, def. Han Na-lae and Jang Su Jeong, South Korea, 6-3, 6-2; Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, and Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, def. Alicia Barnett and Olivia Nicholls (4), Britain, 6-2, 3-6, 11-9.

TIRIAC FOUNDATION TROPHY
At National Tennis Centre; in Bucharest
Purse: $115,000
Surface: Red clay

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Darja Semenistaja (8), Latvia, def. Berfu Cengiz, Turkiye, 6-2, 6-2; Maria Sara PoPa, Romania, def. Irina Fetecau, Romania, 6-1, 7-6 (10-8); Viktoriya Tomova (2), Bulgaria, def. Darya Astakhova, Russia, 6-1, 6-2; Maria Carle, Argentina, def. Patricia Maria Tig, Romania, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; Sara Errani (4), Italy, def. Suzan Lamens, Netherlands, 6-0, 6-2; Cristina-Andreea Mitu, Romania, def. Carlota Martinez Cirez, Spain, 6-1, 6-3; Irina Bara, Romania, def. Camilla Rosatello, Italy, 7-5, 6-1; Marie Benoit, Belgium, def. Chloe Paquet, France, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; Ana Bogdan (1), Romania, def. Nuria Brancaccio, Italy, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3; Anna Bondar (5), Hungary, def. Valentini Grammatikopoulou, Greece, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; Jaqueline Adina Cristian (3), Romania, def. Lulu Sun, Switzerland, 6-1, 6-3.

ZAVAROVALNICA SAVA LJUBLJANA
At TC ZTK Ljubljana; in Ljubljana, Slovenia
Purse: $115,000
Surface: Red clay

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Zeynep Sonmez, Turkiye, def. Oleksandra Oliynykova, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-4; Dalma Galfi (3), Hungary, def. Ela Nala Milic, Slovenia, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1; Reka Luca Jani, Hungary, def. Ziva Falkner, Slovenia, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; Miriam Bianca Bulgaru, Romania, def. Ashley Lahey, United States, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Katarzyna Kawa, Poland, def. Dalila Jakupovic, Slovenia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; Marina Bassols Ribera (5), Spain, def. Lola Radivojevic, Serbia, 1-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-5); Tamara Zidansek (4), Slovenia, def. Michaela Bayerlova, Czech Republic, 6-0, 6-1; Sara Bejlek, Czech Republic, def. Amina Anshba, Russia, 6-3, 6-1; Kaja Juvan (6), Slovenia, def. Gabriela Knutson, Czech Republic, 3-0, ret; Erika Andreeva (8), Russia, def. Andrea Gamiz, Venezuela, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
DDenisa Hindova and Karolina Kubanova, Czech Republic, def. Alexandra Osborne, Australia, and Ashley Lahey, United States, 7-5, 6-3.

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	17	4	6	57	44	30
New England	13	5	9	48	46	32
Orlando City	13	6	8	47	41	31
Philadelphia	14	8	4	46	47	31
Columbus	13	8	6	45	54	37
Atlanta	11	8	9	42	51	43
Nashville	11	9	7	40	32	27
CF Montréal	11	14	2	35	28	40
D.C. United	9	12	7	34	37	38
Chicago	8	11	8	32	32	42
Charlotte FC	7	9	10	31	34	43
New York City FC	6	10	12	30	28	36
New York	7	12	8	29	24	33
Inter Miami CF	8	14	4	28	30	39
Toronto FC	4	13	10	22	23	39

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis City SC	15	10	3	48	55	37
Seattle	11	9	8	41	34	29
Los Angeles FC	11	9	7	40	40	32
Real Salt Lake	11	9	7	40	38	39
Houston	11	10	6	39	36	31
Vancouver	10	8	8	38	43	36
Minnesota United	9	8	10	37	34	33
San Jose	9	9	10	37	32	36
FC Dallas	9	10	7	34	29	30
Austin FC	9	12	6	33	38	43
Portland	8	11	9	33	34	44
Sporting KC	8	12	8	32	38	40
LA Galaxy	7	10	9	30	33	41
Colorado	3	13	10	19	16	39

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. United at Charlotte FC, 7:30
New York at New York City FC, 3:30
Miami at Atlanta, 5
Chicago at CF Montréal, 7:30
Columbus at Orlando City, 7:30
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:30
Vancouver at Toronto FC, 7:30
Seattle at FC Dallas, 8:30
St. Louis City SC at Houston, 8:30
Sporting KC at Minnesota, 8:30
New England at Colorado, 9:30
LA Galaxy at Los Angeles FC, 10:30
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10:30

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Portland at Austin FC, 8:30

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20
Atlanta at D.C. United, 7:30
Philadelphia at Charlotte FC, 7:30
Chicago at Columbus, 7:30
Toronto FC at Miami, 7:30
Cincinnati at CF Montréal, 7:30
Austin FC at New York, 7:30
Orlando City at New York City FC, 7:30
Vancouver at Houston, 8:30
Nashville at Sporting KC, 8:30
Los Angeles FC at St. Louis City SC, 8:30
Seattle at Colorado, 9:30
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 9:30
Minnesota at LA Galaxy, 10:30
San Jose at Portland, 10:30

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego	9	6	3	30	26	20
Portland	8	5	5	29	38	25
North Carolina	8	6	4	28	26	19
OL Reign	8	7	3	27	25	21
Gotham FC	7	5	6	27	21	19
Washington	6	4	8	26	24	25
Louisville	5	4	9	24	22	18
Angel City	6	6	6	24	22	25
Orlando	7	10	1	22	21	24
Houston	4	6	8	20	12	15
Chicago	6	10	2	20	22	39
Kansas City	6	11	1	19	19	28

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Houston at Louisville, 7:30

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Washington at Gotham FC, 7:30
Kansas City at San Diego, 10
OL Reign at Portland, 10:30

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Angel City at Chicago, 6
North Carolina at Orlando, 7

GOLF

RIVER BEND
The team of Matt Barnes, Mike Garner, Bill Lanard and Stu Strang won first place low gross in the 10th Annual First Tee — Greater Washington, D.C. Golf Tournament presented by Harvey Cleary. The team of Somsak Chivavibul, Farhan Khan, Chad Geary and Jeff Stoltz first place low net.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Battlefield dominates with plenty of points

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Through three weeks, Battlefield's offense has established itself as one of the most potent in the area. The Bobcats are scoring more than 52 points per game in a dominant 3-0 start — all while acclimating sophomore Calum O'Shea to the offense in his first season as the starting quarterback.

Battlefield's early success stems from its offensive depth, Coach Greg Hatfield said. O'Shea has a slew of options to choose from when the ball is snapped, including four experienced wide receivers who have flashed their potential.

"We've been pretty balanced as far as different players stepping up at different times," Hatfield said. "We have some experienced receivers that are talented and working hard, and it's helped with the transition at quarterback."

Hatfield knows it won't always be so smooth for the offense, particularly around playoff time. But the Bobcats are gaining steam with each touchdown, a good sign for a team with championship aspirations.

"Football's a marathon, not a sprint; we're going to face some adversity," Hatfield said. "We're building up some confidence, so hopefully when we hit some tough times we'll be able to make it through that."

— Noah Ferguson

Patuxent wins a wild one

There was a lot to discuss in Patuxent's film session Saturday morning. On Friday night, the Panthers earned a roller-coaster win over Huntingtown during which they blew a three-touchdown lead and then climbed back in the fourth quarter to prevail, 41-31.

"There was a lot of teaching and a lot of nitpicking, but you can nitpick a lot harder after you get a win," Coach Steve Crounse said. "The kids are feeling what you're saying a little bit more than they would if you lost. This game wouldn't have defined our season, win or lose, but it definitely gives us a look at what we're capable of, both the bad and the good."

The Panthers returned a good amount of talent from a 2022 team that made the Maryland 2A/1A state championship game. Among the returners is junior quarterback Evan Blouir, one of the more dynamic signal callers in the state. On Friday night, Blouir helped his team jump to a 21-0 lead against the visiting Hurricanes.

But the offense stalled in the third quarter, and Huntingtown chipped away at its deficit. Eventually, the Hurricanes took the lead at 31-27 with seven minutes remaining.

"There was a bit of stunned silence toward the end of that third quarter," Crounse said. "But some of our senior players made some big plays, and then all of a sudden we're back on track."

Blouir hit tight end Tristin Borgholthaus with a quick screen pass that went 50 yards for a touchdown to put the Panthers back on top. The quarterback then put the game on ice with a 60-yard touchdown run on the next possession.

"We have a lot to clean up," Crounse said. "But it's hard to coach effort; there's not a lot of drills for that. So when they show that kind of resiliency and no-quit mentality, you have to be happy to see that."

— Michael Errigo

McNamara's 'lick' is back

When Greg Calhoun took over Bishop McNamara before the 2022 season, he knew he could inject something new — a Southern edge — into a program that has dwelled in the basement of the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference's upper division.

After coaching and playing at Alabama high schools and playing at UAB, Calhoun identified cultural and operational tactics that made programs in the South as strong as they are. He encouraged his athletes to play multiple sports; he wanted them in the weight room at 6 a.m.; he wanted them to focus on their character in the classroom.

They obliged. After a 2-8 record during his first season in Forestville, he and the Mustangs — who are 3-0 and have outscored their opponents 99-14 following a 17-14 victory over Riverdale Baptist on Sunday night — feel the shift already.

"It's known that McNamara's been the bottom of the barrel. I've said this to people: It's a process, but we want to win now," Calhoun said. "I got introduced last year — that's cool; thank you. We're trying to up the ante. That's been our motto this season: We'll get our lick back."

Calhoun credited his senior class, including quarterback Ninoah Miguel and linebacker Dylan Newman, for taking the culture-driving load off his plate. Last year, he concentrated on motivating his first-year players. That's paying dividends now.

"They're doing a lot for us now," Calhoun said.

— Spencer Nusbaum

Anacostia digs deep

When they were lined up helmet to helmet Friday, the difference between the H.D. Woodson and Anacostia squads was immediately apparent: The Warriors held the size advantage, while the Indians hoped to counter with speed and versatility.

Down two touchdowns in the first quarter and still reeling from a costly fumble, Anacostia scrambled to regroup a defensive line missing four starters to injuries. Then came three sacks from defensive end Jalen Gant, a series of penalties called against Woodson and a 40-yard pass from quarterback Jeremiah Wright to shift the momentum in Anacostia's favor.

For Wright — who was coming off a game-winning touchdown pass in the final seconds of the previous week's game against Ballou — being behind at the start of the game fueled a more aggressive posture.

"It looked ugly at first, but then we started to get into our groove, and then we started to find our confidence," Wright said. ". . . I feel comfortable being down because it's just that grit. We have playmakers, we have people that know their role, and so that's what makes us a good team."

Taking advantage of Woodson's mistakes, including a missed snap on a punt, the Indians scored a touchdown and tacked on the two-point conversion to close the gap to 12-8.

Then lightning forced a stop to the game 39 seconds before halftime. An hour later, when officials deemed the game a no-contest, the Indians were disappointed they couldn't see their comeback through to the fourth quarter.

"Instead of [the coaches] giving them the speech, they gave it to us," Coach Seneca Surles said of his team's approach during the long break. "In my years of coaching, that's really never happened where a team said, 'Coach, we got this.' So I think the weather helped [Woodson] out."

— Aaron Credeur

THE POST TOP 20

After scrimmages in 2021 and 2022, DeMatha Coach Bill McGregor and Freedom (Woodbridge) Coach Darryl Overton decided they had seen enough — enough to schedule a monumental regular season contest and enough to elevate the matchup into something real for 2023. Both programs had become spectacles unto themselves, rallying behind coaches who had earned unyielding love from their players. Each had a unit that could test the other: Freedom, with its highflying offense that shattered Virginia's scoring record with 63.5 points per game last fall, against DeMatha, with a resolute defense that held Division I-bound talent to a scoring average of 5.4 in 2022. On Friday night and Saturday afternoon — though the game was ruled a no-contest because of lightning delays — the eye test suggested a flip was required in the Top 20. As a result, Freedom becomes the first public school team since Wise in 2017 to seize the No. 1 spot in the rankings.

1. Freedom (Woodbridge) (2-0) Last ranked: 3
The Eagles were rolling against DeMatha before the game was ruled a no-contest.
Next: Sept. 22 at Gar-Field, 7 p.m.

2. Good Counsel (1-1) LR: 4
The Falcons' game against Life Christian Academy was canceled because of inclement weather.
Next: Saturday at Mount St. Joseph, 1 p.m.

3. DeMatha (2-0) LR: 1
The Stags' defense and special teams shined against Freedom, but the Eagles exposed cracks in the foundation.
Next: Friday vs. Roman Catholic (Pa.), 7 p.m.

4. Quince Orchard (2-0) LR: 5
A 56-0 win over Gaithersburg extended the Cougars' winning streak to 30 games.
Next: Thursday vs. Stone Bridge, 7 p.m.

5. St. John's (1-1) LR: 6
The Cadets' game was called because of their opponents' injuries.
Next: Saturday vs. Gray Collegiate (S.C.), 1 p.m.

6. Archbishop Spalding (2-1) LR: 2
The Cavaliers fell to Imhotep Charter (Pa.) on a last-minute interception in the end zone.
Next: Thursday at McDonogh, 6 p.m.

7. C.H. Flowers (2-0) LR: 7
The Jaguars throttled Oxon Hill, 48-7, on Monday night after inclement weather Friday prompted a postponement.
Next: Friday at Laurel, 3 p.m.

8. Madison (3-0) LR: 8
The Warhawks, who began last year 0-3 but still reached the Virginia Class 6 title game, are unbeaten after a 26-10 win over Robinson.
Next: Thursday at Marshall, 7 p.m.

9. Gonzaga (3-0) LR: 9
The Eagles thrashed Fordham Prep (N.Y.), 45-0, to keep their hot start going.
Next: Friday at Loyola Blakefield, 7 p.m.

10. Friendship Collegiate (2-1) LR: 11
The Knights began Friday's game against Mount Vernon with senior Donte West's 62-yard touchdown run and kept rolling to a 48-0 victory.
Next: Friday vs. Coolidge, 6 p.m.

11. Northwest (2-0) LR: 15
The Jaguars were looking to make a statement early this season; a win over No. 18 Damascus did the trick.
Next: Thursday at Richard Montgomery, 6:30 p.m.

12. Wise (1-1) LR: 12
The Pumas edged past a competitive Eleanor Roosevelt team, 22-16, on Monday night.
Next: Friday at Parkdale, 3:30 p.m.

13. North Point (2-0) LR: 13
The Eagles have outscored their opponents 96-0 through the first two weeks.
Next: Thursday at Great Mills, 6 p.m.

14. Episcopal (1-0) LR: 14
The Maroon opened its season with an impressive victory over St. Michael the Archangel.
Next: Sept. 23 vs. Trinity Episcopal, 2 p.m.

15. Battlefield (3-0) LR: 16
The Bobcats thumped Prince William County opponent Gar-Field, 39-14.
Next: Thursday vs. Woodbridge, 7 p.m.

16. Fairfax (3-0) LR: 19
The Lions, who throttled Centreville, 40-14, haven't missed a beat after graduating All-Met Player of the Year Tony Rojas.
Next: Thursday vs. South County, 7 p.m.

17. Bishop McNamara (3-0) LR: Not ranked
The Mustangs, under second-year coach Greg Calhoun, could challenge the traditional heavyweights in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference.
Next: Friday at Moody (Ala.), 7 p.m.

18. Damascus (1-1) LR: 10
The reigning Maryland 3A champion was on the wrong side of a 47-14 rout by No. 11 Northwest.
Next: Thursday at Rockville, 6:30 p.m.

19. Tuscarora (3-0) LR: NR
The Huskies have rattled off three victories to begin 2023.
Next: Friday at Lightridge, 7 p.m.

20. H.D. Woodson (1-0) LR: NR
The Warriors were up 12-8 on a solid Anacostia team before a rain cancellation.
Next: Friday at Martinsburg (W.Va.), 7 p.m.

On the bubble: Briar Woods, Broadneck, Georgetown Prep, Paint Branch, Sherwood

Dropped out: No. 17 Rock Creek Christian, No. 18 Paint Branch, No. 20 Westfield

Players of the week

Antonio Berry, Northwest:
The senior running back ran for three touchdowns Saturday as the Jaguars impressed with a 47-14 win over defending Maryland 3A champion Damascus.

Roman Jensen, Maret:
The senior quarterback completed all 11 of his passes for 324 yards and two scores while adding 98 yards and three more touchdowns on the ground in the Frogs' 51-14 drubbing of St. Stephen's/St. Agnes.

Marcus Ross, Bladensburg:
The senior was a driving force for his team's running game as he racked up 140 rushing yards and a touchdown in the Mustangs' 36-0 win over Northwestern on Saturday.

Brady Carmical, Briar Woods:
The junior quarterback accounted for four touchdowns in the first half of the Falcons' victory over Broad Run, a game that was called because of inclement weather at halftime.

Games to watch

Stone Bridge at No. 4 Quince Orchard, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Coolidge at No. 10 Friendship Collegiate, Friday, 6 p.m.

Suitland at Oxon Hill, Friday, 4 p.m.

Gray Collegiate (S.C.) at No. 5 St. John's, Saturday, 1 p.m.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL

No. 1 Huskies face the rare local test — and ace it

FLINT HILL 3, GEORGETOWN DAY 0

BY SPENCER NUSBAUM

To the untrained eye, the top-ranked Flint Hill volleyball team's straight-sets (25-18, 25-20, 25-19) thumping of No. 6 Georgetown Day on Tuesday night looked effortless enough.

Or, at least, it was easy enough that senior Ryla Jones forgot it was she who had hit a ball so hard off a Georgetown Day player at the net that it nearly struck the wall about 40 feet behind them; simple enough that, between sets as the Mighty Hoppers (1-1) huddled, the Huskies (5-2) wafted around their home court in Oakton; confident enough that, following almost any point they lost, the Huskies just chuckled.

"We know if we get down or get in our heads, that doesn't do us any good," Jones said. "GDS is a really good team. But with this teamwork and support we're giving each other and this all-out grind we've been on, we've been doing pretty well."

Still, while the Huskies have long made wins look painless against local competition, they didn't enter 2023 as a unanimous pick to remain the area's best team, given a relatively large crop of newcomers that included first-year coach Thai Nguyen. The premise of dominance wavered further when the Huskies went 4-2 against stiff competition in Tampa during a tournament in early September. For the first time since 2016, the Huskies were guaranteed to finish a season with multiple losses.

Nguyen didn't mind: The losses let Flint Hill recalibrate early. The Huskies had just four practices before that stretch, which is likely to be their toughest of the season. Issues with blocking and unforced errors were fixable.

The defeats also allowed his underclassmen to adjust more quickly to the breakneck pace that the elder Huskies were used to — and the sort of speed they would need against the Mighty Hoppers.

"I'm pretty impressed with how we've played so far," junior Isabelle Bardin said.

Georgetown Day presented a rare local test. The Huskies hadn't dropped so much as a set — much less a full match — against an Independent School League opponent since 2011. But the Mighty Hoppers had played well in scrimmages against No. 2 Bishop O'Connell and No. 8 Bullis, and they returned three All-Met selections with reigning coach of the year Brandon Wiest.

But Tuesday, the Huskies looked anything but tepid. It was perhaps a bad sign for the Mighty Hoppers that, after they took 2-0 and 10-7 leads in the first set, the composed Huskies just smiled. They took 18 of the final 26 points to win the set.

The Huskies, known in years past for their daunting combination of power and finesse, showed their commitment to that craft over the last two sets. When they needed a kill or a block, they turned to the hard-hitting trio of Jones, Bardin and freshman Alli Robinson. After Jones's kill — the one she wouldn't remember after the game — many of their ensuing winners came on drop shots that fell between unsuspecting defenders.

"We just blend really well together," Bardin said. "That's the biggest reason why we win."



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Flint Hill's Ryla Jones defends a shot against Georgetown Day's Gigi Wigglesworth. The Huskies rolled to a straight-sets victory.

D.C. GIRLS' SOCCER

Cousins link up on equalizer as Cadets deny Frogs in a rematch of title game

BY NICKY WOLCOTT

ST. JOHN'S 1, MARET 1

In search of a tying goal, St. John's junior Kailyn Effah gently placed the ball down for a corner kick before sending a low, driven cross into a group of attackers and defenders.

Senior Alyssa Heard darted toward her cousin's cross and met it, sending the ball flying past the Maret goalkeeper and into the net midway through the second half of a girls' soccer match Tuesday in Northwest Washington.

"We always know where the other person is going to be without saying anything," Effah said. "Just give a look, and we know where to go."

The familial connection gave host St. John's its equalizer, and both teams created opportunities for game-winning goals later on, but neither side found a breakthrough during a back-and-forth ending. A rematch of last year's D.C. State Athletic Association title game — and an early season litmus test for two of the District's top teams — finished in a 1-1 draw.

Maret (0-0-1) almost avenged last fall's loss when senior Pao Monter unleashed a shot from distance with five minutes to go. Her strike sailed over the Cadets' goalkeeper's head before it hit the crossbar and was cleared away.

St. John's (0-0-2) responded with an attack of its own, and a deflected cross found junior Nia Dunham unmarked at the top of the penalty box. But her shot crept just wide of the left post with two minutes remaining.

The Frogs matched the Cadets' offensive output throughout the first half. Early in the second half, they did what they couldn't do in last season's contest: take the lead.

Maret won the ball high up the pitch, and Morgan Jackson played a short pass to Jamie Covitz. The senior's right-footed shot beat an outstretched goalkeeper and found the net via the inside of the post to give the Frogs the lead in their first game of the season.

"We kind of had a little chip on our shoulder from last year," Maret Coach Kate Murphy said. "We felt like we gave it our all and, you know, St. John's is always a powerhouse and they always give us a good run for our money, so we kind of wanted to get a little bit of revenge."

St. John's, the No. 1 team in The Washington Post's preseason rankings, had the better of the play after Maret's tally and created dangerous attacks, one of which resulted in Effah and Heard linking up for the tying goal.

"They have such a competitive nature between the two, so they're always put on opposite teams [in practice] and are always combative against each other," Coach Allison Diaz said. "And then, at the end of it, they're laughing, joking and just having a great time."

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General Jobs

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Healthcare - General

Behavior Technician
Provide ABA Therapy for children to assist for imp. behaviors & acq. skills. Foll. protocol for clnt. & impl. ABA prgm. set by tmt. plan & by BCBA or qualif. health prof. Doc. clnt. sess. by record. data, notes. Dev. rapport with clnt. & parents to ens. child is meetg. goals. Min rqmts: Bachelor's Degree in sociology or related. Verif. references. Able to work OT, including late nights, weekends, & holidays. Nonsmoker at job site. Job Loc: Progress and Learning Autism Network, 706 W Patrick Street. Frederick, MD-21701.ATTN: Miranda Claney.

Tech Jobs

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825 Bids & Proposals

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Thurgood Marshall Academy charter school seeks bus companies for trips and school-home transportation. For full RFP visit https://thurgoodmarshallacademy.org/about/employment-opportunities/ or email dschlossman@tmapchs.org. Deadline extended to **September 29, 2023**.

On September 11, 2023, NOAA Fisheries published proposed renewal of an Incidental Harassment Authorization for public comment in the Federal Register (open until September 26, 2023), pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The proposed IHA renewal would authorize the take of marine mammals incidental to Orsted Wind Power North America LLC marine site characterization surveys off New York to Massachusetts. You can find information related to this action at https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-other-energy-activities-renewable

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820 Official Notices

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS
ONE COUNTY COMPLEX COURT
PRINCE WILLIAM, VIRGINIA 22192

September 26, 2023
Public Hearing

2:00 p.m.

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider a resolution to Authorize the Issuance of One or More General Obligation Schools Bonds of the County in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed $285,625,000 to Finance Certain Capital Projects for School Purposes and to Refund Other Outstanding General Obligation School Bonds and to Approve the Sale of Such Bonds to the Virginia Public School Authority.

For additional information regarding the Board meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Board at (703) 792-6600. All meeting materials are posted online when the agenda is published, and a copy of all staff reports, proposed resolutions and ordinances, and other documentation will be available for review by the public in the office of the Clerk of the Board.

Members of the public may appear at the Board of County Supervisors' Chamber in the McCoart Building, One County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia, at the designated time to express their views.

ACCESSIBILITY TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: The hearings are being held at a public facility believed to be accessible to persons with disabilities. Any persons with questions on the accessibility of the facility should contact the Clerk to the Board at One County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia, or by telephone at (703) 792-6600 or TDD (703) 792-6295. Persons needing translation or interpreter services must notify the Clerk to the Board no later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

William M. Savage, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Randy N. McMillan
Suk Chon McMillan
Defendant

NO. C-02-CV-23-000185

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this Wednesday, August 23, 2023 that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by William M. Savage, Substitute Trustees
BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 22nd day of September 2023 next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 22nd day of September 2023 next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **8301 BRIGHT SUN WAY, MILLERSVILLE, MD 21108** to be $354,000.00.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County,
Maryland

Aug 30,Sep 6,13 2023 0012433610

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

William M. Savage, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

James W. Brumfield, Jr A/K/A
James W Brumfield, Jr.
Defendant

NO. C-02-CV-23-000746

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this Wednesday, August 23, 2023 that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by William M. Savage, Substitute Trustees
BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 22nd day of September 2023 next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 22nd day of September 2023 next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **8041 GEORGIA COURT, SEVERN, MD 21144** to be **$467,500.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County,
Maryland

Aug 30,Sep 6,13 2023 0012433608

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Melinda Jackson
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-23-000481

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this Wednesday, August 23, 2023 that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by Mark D. Meyer, Substitute Trustee
BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 22nd day of September 2023 next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 22nd day of September 2023 next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **1867 EAGLE COURT, UNIT 5, SEVERN, MD 21144** to be **$179,000.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, M.D.

Aug 30,Sep 6,13 2023 0012433605

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Estate of James R. Briggs, et al.
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-23-000160

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this Wednesday, August 23, 2023 that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by Mark D. Meyer, Substitute Trustee
BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 21st day of September 2023 next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 21st day of September 2023 next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **1809 JAYBIRD COURT, SEVERN, MD 21144** to be **$184,000.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, M.D.

Aug 30,Sep 6,13 2023 0012433603

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number: C-10-CV-23-000194
Other Reference Numbers:

DIANE ROSENBERG

VS.

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Date: 9/11/2023

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **11th day of September, 2023** that the sale made and recorded by Mark D. Meyer for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

3734 Clay Street,
Point of Rocks, MD 21777

be ratified and confirmed **thirty (30)** days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$173,748.57**.

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Sep 13,20,27 2023 0012435377

873 Prince William County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
13044 Scotch Heather Place,
Woodbridge, VA 22192

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $463,000.00 dated March 9, 2006 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for **Prince William County** on March 17, 2006 as Instrument Number: 200603170044036, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Prince William County, 9311 Lee Ave, Manassas, VA 20110 on **October 11, 2023 at 11:30 AM** the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE SITUATE IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEING LOT 42 OF LAND BAY E, PRINCE WILLIAM TOWN CENTER AS THE SAME IS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200301280021262 AND SHOWN ON PLAT ATTACHED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200301280021263, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA. Tax ID: 8193-00-8875.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of $13,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 23-006453)
Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com The Vendor XOME.COM will be used in conjunction with this sale.

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875 Fauquier County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
8393 MEETZE ROAD,
WARRENTON, VA 20187

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 26, 2022, in the original principal amount of $3,209,008.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Fauquier County**, Virginia, in Book 1717 at Page 1737 as Instrument No. 2022-00001815 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Fauquier County, 40 Culpeper Street, Warrenton, Virginia or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on **October 19, 2023, at 10:45 AM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THOSE TWO CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND FRONTING ON ROUTE 643, OR THE ROAD FROM WARRENTON TO CALVERTON, CENTER DISTRICT, FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CONTAINING AN AGGREGATE OF 20.3616 ACRES, HAVING A TAX MAP NUMBER OF 6993-15-3605 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TRACT I: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDING SITUATE THEREON CONTAINING 4.8431 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO PLAT AND SURVEY OF FRED BARTENSTEIN DATED MARCH 19, 1956, AS RECORDED WITH AND MADE A PART OF THE DEED TO WILLIAM L. BRAGG, JR., AND GOLDA SUTTON BRAFF FROM EVAN G. CREEL AND LUCY K. CREEL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, DATED JUNE 1, 1956, AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 195 AT PAGE 421; AND TRACT II: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 15.5185 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO PLAT AND SURVEY OF FRED BARTENSTEIN DATED MARCH 19, 1956, RECORDED WITH AND MADE A PART OF THE DEED TO WILLIAM L. BRAGG, JR. AND GOLDA SUTTON BRAGG FROM EVAN G. CREEL AND LUCY H. CREEL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, DATED JUNE 1, 1956, AND RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 195 AT PAGE 425. LESS AND EXCEPT 2,822 SQUARE FEET AS DESCRIBED IN CERTIFICATE OF TAKE RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1588, PAGE 88 AND BOOK 1667, PAGE 611.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-365145-1.

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877 Spotsylvania County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
123 ARCHER ST,
FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22408

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 2, 2020, in the original principal amount of $189,090.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Spotsylvania County**, Virginia as Instrument No. 200004698 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Spotsylvania County, 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, Virginia or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on October 19, 2023, at 1:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SPOTSYLVANIA IN THE STATE OF VA. ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LEE HILL DISTRICT OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, LOCATED ON THE NORTH EASTERLY SIDE OF ARCHER STREET AND DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, BLOCK 11, ROSELAND, AS SHOWN ON MAP AND PLAT THEREOF ORIGINALLY RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 117, AT PAGE 493, BUT NOW RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 20, IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-351655-2.

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878 Stafford County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
2213 COURTHOUSE RD,
STAFFORD, VA 22554

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 12, 2016, in the original principal amount of $139,550.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Stafford County**, Virginia as Instrument No. 160004326 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Stafford County, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, Virginia or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on **October 19, 2023, at 12:30 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: LOT NUMBER ONE (1) CONTAINING 1.4530 ACRES, ON A PLAT OF J.C. RUSSELL, C.S. DATED MAY 19, 1971, SAID PLAT BEING ATTACHED TO A DEED DATED JUNE 2, 1971 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 211 AT PAGE 180, IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA.
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-359175-2.

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TRUSTEES' FORECLOSURE SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

1200 Potomac Street NW, T5,
Washington, DC 20007

The undersigned Trustees will sell at public auction at Alex Cooper's Auctioneers, 4910 Massachusetts Avenue N.W. Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016, on

September 14, 2023 AT 2:00 P.M.

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Washington, DC and more fully described in a Deed of Trust from 1200 Potomac NW LLC, dated August 4, 2022, recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia at Instrument Number 2022085175 on August 12, 2022 with an original principal balance of $1,069,782.10, and an original annual interest rate of 10.50%, with a default rate of 23% per annum, default having occurred under the terms thereof.
Part of Lot 41 in Square 1206 in a subdivision made by M & Potomac Street Associates Limited Partnership, as per plat recorded in Liber 171 at folio 149 among the Records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.
The part of the land being more particularly designated as Unit No. T-5 of the Eton, a Condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium recorded April 8, 1981 as Instrument No. 11438 and By-Laws relating thereto recorded April 8, 1981 as Instrument No. 11439among the Land Records of the District of Columbia, and as per Plat of Condominium Subdivision recorded in Condominium Book No. 28 at page 18 of the Records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.
NOTE: At the date hereof the above-described land is designated on the Records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for taxation and assessment purposes as Lot 2015 in Square 1206.
TOGETHER WITH all of the appurtenances incident to said Unit(s), as contained in the Declaration of Condominium.
SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to all the provisions, restrictions, easements and conditions as contained in said Declaration of Condominium and the By-Laws relating thereto.
The condominium Declaration allocates to the Condominium Unit an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the common elements of the Condominium (hereinafter called the "Percentage Interest"). The Percentage Interest of the Condominium Unit is set forth in the Condominium Declaration.
The improvements thereon being known as 1200 Potomac Street, NW, Unit T5, Washington, DC 20007
The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in fee simple subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of the lesser of $85,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the winning bid amount will be required at time of sale, in cash, certified check, or other form as Trustees may determine. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the Note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within thirty days of the sale. At the Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the sale, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have to resell the property. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of a resale the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 23% per annum from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Additional terms may be announced at sale. CGD File #460127
Richard E. Solomon, Richard J. Rogers, Michael McKeefery, Christianna Kersey, Kevin Hildebeidel, Kyle Blackstone, and Kathleen Young, Substitute Trustees

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878 Stafford County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
1813 RICHMOND HWY F/K/A
JEFFERSON DAVIS HWY,
STAFFORD, VA 22554

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 23, 2012, in the original principal amount of $60,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Stafford County**, Virginia as Instrument No. 120018627 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Stafford County, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, Virginia or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on **October 19, 2023, at 12:30 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND SITUATE LYING AND BEING IN AQUIA MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CONTAINING 2.000 AC. AS SHOWN ON SURVEY PREPARED BY JOHN B. VANCE, JR., C.L.S., DATED JUNE 13, 1985.
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-365425-1.

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TRUSTEES' FORECLOSURE SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

5123 8th Street NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20011

The undersigned Trustees will sell at public auction at Alex Coopers Auctioneers, 4910 Massachusetts Avenue N.W. Suite 100, Washington, DC 20016, on

September 14, 2023 AT 1:58 P.M.

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Washington, DC and more fully described in a Deed of Trust from Grapplers Corp., dated April 23, 2021, recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia at Instrument Number 2021056977 on April 27, 2021, with an original principal balance of $599,187.00, and an original interest rate of 10.0% per annum with a default rate of 25% per annum, default having occurred under the terms thereof.
The following described land and premises, situate in the District of Columbia and known and distinguished as: Lot Numbered Sixty-Eight 68, in the subdivision made by Morris Cafritz of Lots in Square Numbered 3149, as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber 80 at Folio 7.
The property will be sold by Trustee's Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in fee simple subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of the lesser of $74,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the winning bid amount will be required at time of sale, in cash, certified check, or other form as Trustees may determine. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the Note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to the Trustee which shall be announced at sale. The Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within 30 days of the sale. At the Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the sale, the purchaser agrees to pay the Trustees' reasonable attorney fees, plus all costs incurred, if the Trustees have to resell the property. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 25% per annum from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the Mortgage holder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated, or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Additional terms may be announced at sale. CGD File #: 458042
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878 Stafford County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
300 MONTPELIER DRIVE,
STAFFORD, VA 22556

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 20, 2006, in the original principal amount of $115,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Stafford County**, Virginia as Instrument No. 060039652 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Stafford County, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, Virginia or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on **October 19, 2023, at 12:30 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND WITH ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES THERETO APPURTENANT, AND ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN ROCK HILL MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 96, SECTION 6, ROSEVILLE PLANTATION, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION PREPARED BY JOHN B. VANCE, JR., C.L.S., A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 125, AND 126 IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA.
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. Substitute Trustee has identified an unreleased security instrument which may be superior to the subject Deed of Trust. Substitute Trustee disclaims any implication that the Property will be sold free and clear of all liens. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-362819-1.

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879 Culpeper County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
796 VIRGINIA AVENUE,
CULPEPER, VA 22701

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated September 11, 2012, in the original principal amount of $252,900.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for **Culpeper County**, Virginia as Instrument No. 120005623 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Culpeper County, at the corner of West Davis Street and North West Street in the Town of Culpeper or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on **October 19, 2023, at 9:30 AM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN CULPEPER COUNTY, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIBED AS LOT 133, OF THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS PHASE 1, LAKEVIEW OF CULPEPER, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 020000442, SAID SUBDIVISION ORIGINALLY BEING KNOWN AS AUTUMN RIDGE, PHASE 1, RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET 7, SLIDES 325 AND 326, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF CULPEPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-345257-2.

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COURT APPOINTED TRUSTEES' FORECLOSURE SALE OF CONDOMINIUM

2107 FORT DAVIS STREET, SE UNIT 201
WASHINGTON, DC 20020
(Square 5673, Lot 2110)

In execution of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia Civil Division ("Court") Order Granting Default Judgment in Case #2020 CA 001448 R(RP) Toorak Capital Partners, LLC v. Archway Real Estate Holdings II, LLC, et al the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction within the offices of Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 1:36 PM

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Washington, DC and more fully designated as Lot 2110 in Square 5673 in a Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement dated December 11, 2018, recorded as Instrument No. 2018124305 among the D.C. Land Records, and subsequently assigned by Assignment of Deed of Trust, recorded as Instrument No. 2019010319, and described as follows:
All that piece or parcel of land, together with the improvements, rights, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging, situate in the District of Columbia, described as follows, to wit:
Part of Lot 15 in Square 5673 in a subdivision made by Fairfax Village Extension, Incorporated, as per plat recorded in Liber 113 at Folio 41 among the Records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.
The Part of the land conveyed being more particularly designated as Condominium Unit #2107-201 in the Third Amendment to Condominium known as "Fairfax Village Condominium VI*, percentage share Interest, 64, according to the Declaration of Condominium recorded July 29, 1976 as instrument No. 20042, among the Land Records of the District of Columbia, and any recorded amendments thereto as of the date hereof, and as per plat of Condominium Subdivision recorded in Condominium Book 20 at Page 8, in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.
NOTE: At the date hereof, the above-described land is designated on the records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 2110 in Square 5673.
Together with all the appurtenances incident to said unit, as contained in said Declaration of Condominium (as amended).
Subject, however, to all the provisions, restrictions, easements and conditions as contained in said Declaration of Condominium (as amended), and the By-laws relating thereto (as amended).
The Condominium Declaration allocates to the Condominium Unit an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the common elements of the Condominium (hereinafter called the "Percentage Interest*), The Percentage Interest of the Condominium Unit is set forth in the Condominium Declaration.
THE improvements thereon being known as 2107 Fort Davis Street, SE. Unit 201 Washington, DC 20020
Tax ID No. Square 5673, Lot 2110
The property will be sold by Trustees' Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of at least $20,000 will be required at time of sale, in cashier's or certified check, or other form as Substitute Trustees may determine. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the Note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to the Substitute Trustees which shall be announced at sale. The Balance of the purchase price to be paid in certified funds within thirty (30) days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If Purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the ratification, the Purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the Purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the Purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the Purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the Purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the Purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale, the defaulting Purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the default rate of 22% per annum from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the Purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the Purchaser. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the noteholder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated, or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF 4 UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM BUILDING AND PARKING SPACE KNOWN AS
1461 CHAPIN STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009.

By virtue of a certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement dated September 28, 2021 (the "Deed of Trust") duly recorded October 18, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021137468 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records") and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 notice recorded among the Land Record as Instrument No. 2023068571, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), the undersigned Substitute Trustees, will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 AT 2:30 PM

The property to be sold consists of the Original Secured Property located in the District of Columbia which is currently subdivided and is as follows:
Lot Numbered One Hundred Eighty-One (181) in Harry Wardman and other subdivision of Lot Numbered Thirty-Six (36) in the subdivision of the "The South Grounds of Columbia University" and of Lot Numbered One (1) in Block 18 "Meridian Hill", per plat of said first mentioned subdivision recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber County 19 at Folio 76, (the "Real Property") which has the address of 1461 Chapin Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20009. Square 2662 Lot 0181. (The "Original Secured Property")
The property consists of 4 individual condominium units and one parking space. The units were a former portion of Square 2662 Lot 0181, which is currently subdivided into Square 2662 Lots 2291-2295 being further described as follows:
Residential Units One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Parking Space One (P-1) in the Condominium known as "MERIDIAN OVERLOOK CONDOMINIUM" according to the Declaration of Condominium dated May 9, 2018, and recorded March 26, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019030747, and the By-Laws of Condominium dated May 9, 2018, and recorded March 26, 2019, as Instrument No. 2019030748, and said final Plat and Plans of Condominium Subdivision recorded December 15, 2022, in Condo Book 104 at Page 50, as amended by that First Amended and Restated Declaration and that First Amended and Restated Bylaws as Instrument Numbers 2022125679 and 2022125680 on December 23, 2022, among the Land Records of the District of Columbia, and any recorded amendments thereto as of the date hereof, together with an undivided percentage share interest in the Common Elements of said "MERIDIAN OVERLOOK CONDOMINIUM" as set forth in said Declaration of Condominium and the Exhibits thereto, the Condominium Declaration allocates to the Condominium Residential Units an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the common elements of the Condominium (hereinafter called the "Percentage Interest")
The Percentage Interests of the Condominium Units are set forth in the Condominium Declaration, said Condominium project is situate on Lot 181 (now known after subdivision as Lots 2291-2295 in Square 2662 in the subdivision made by Harry Wardman and others, as per plat recorded in Liber County 19 at folio 76 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia but for which no certificate of occupancy permits has yet to be issued. (Collectively, the "Subdivided Property")
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Parcel ID: 2662-2293 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 3
Parcel ID: 2662-2294 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 4
Parcel ID: 2662-2295 1461 Chapin Street, NW # P-1
1461 Chapin Street, NW Units 1, 2, 3, 4 & P-1
(Collectively, the "Subdivided Property")
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property").
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The property will be offered individually and as an entirety. The sale will be made in the manner producing the greater amount of money. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to change the manner of offering at the time of sale.
The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustees (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustees absolutely reserve the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustees. A deposit in the amount of $25,000 per unit for Units 1, 2, 3, 4 if sold individually and a deposit of $5,000 on Parking Space (P-1) if sold individually. If the combined bids on those units and parking space sold individually does not satisfy the debt, then those bids shall be held in abeyance, and the units and parking space shall be offered together. If sold as an entirety, a deposit in the amount of $105,000. The highest bid offered between the combined bids of the units and parking space sold individually or the units and parking space sold as an entirety shall be the winning bid. All deposits must be in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in any other form suitable to the Substitute Trustees in their sole discretion, shall be required at the time of sale, except no deposit shall be required of the secured party, its successors or assigns. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the winning bid amount and delivered to the Substitute Trustees within one business day after the consummation of the sale in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. Failure to timely tender the deposit shall constitute a material default by the purchaser. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustees from submitting any bidding deposit. The Substitute Trustees will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement, provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, at the option of the Substitute Trustees, shall immediately be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within 30 days from day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustees. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the note default rate of 23% per annum from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in certified funds; and if not so paid by the time specified herein, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. The Substitute Trustees shall be entitled to avail themselves and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser. In the event of a resale, the defaulting Purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. In the event that settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest.
The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty or representation as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustees or any other party and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, compliance, quality, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning and construction laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety and building codes and regulations, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustees' Deed, without any covenant or warranty, express or implied. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey either insurable or marketable title, then Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the Purchaser. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, violations, liens, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements whether assessments have been levied or not and whether such have been recorded or not. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustees assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, water and sewer charges, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, financing charges and fees, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Paul Cooper 443-470-1437.

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COURT APPOINTED TRUSTEES'
FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

25 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, NW
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(Square 3112, Lot 0078)

In execution of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia Civil Division ("Court") Order Granting Default Judgment in Case #2022-CA-004186-R(RP) Toorak Capital Partners, LLC v. Kourageous Home Solutions, LLC the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction within the offices of Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 1:34 PM

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Washington, DC and more fully designated as Lot 0078 in Square 3112 in a Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement dated March 10, 2020, recorded as Instrument No. 2020046997 among the D.C. Land Records, and assigned by Assignment of Deed of Trust, recorded prior hereto and described as follows:
Lot Numbered Seventy-Eight (78) in Square numbered Thirty-One Hundred Twelve (3112) in the subdivision made by James Martin, of Block 5, in "Moore and Barbour's Second Addition to the City of Washington", as per plat of said first mentioned subdivision recorded in Liber County 23 at Folio 198 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia. Said property known for assessment and taxation purposes as Lot 78 in Square 3112.
The property will be sold by Trustees' Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of at least $100,000 will be required at time of sale, in cashier's or certified check, or other form as Substitute Trustees may determine. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the Note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to the Substitute Trustees which shall be announced at sale. The Balance of the purchase price to be paid in certified funds within thirty (30) days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If Purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the ratification, the Purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the Purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the Purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the Purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the Purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the Purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale, the defaulting Purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the default rate of 22% per annum from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the Purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the Purchaser. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the noteholder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated, or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

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COURT APPOINTED TRUSTEES'
FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

311 34TH PLACE, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20019
(Square 5018, Lot 0116)

In execution of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia Civil Division ("Court") Order Granting Default Judgment in Case #2022-CA-004188-R(RP) Toorak Capital Partners, LLC v. Connie Young's Properties, LLC the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction within the offices of Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 1:32 PM

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Washington, DC and more fully designated as Lot 5018 in Square 0116 in a Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement dated August 22, 2019, recorded as Instrument No. 2020086663 among the D.C. Land Records, and subsequently assigned by Assignment of Deed of Trust, recorded as Instrument No. 2020092889, and described
as follows:
Together with the improvements, rights, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging, situate in the District of Columbia described as follows to wit:
Lot Numbered One Hundred and Sixteen (116) In a subdivision made by National Insured Homes Corporation, of lots in Square numbered Fifty Hundred and Eighteen (5018), as per plat recorded in Liber 110 at folio 8; subject to building restriction line as shown on said plat, and also subject to building restriction line as established and shown on plat recorded in liber 88 at folio 3 and liber 107 at folio 144 in said Surveyor's office.
The property will be sold by Trustees' Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of at least $30,000 will be required at time of sale, in cashier's or certified check, or other form as Substitute Trustees may determine. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the Note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to the Substitute Trustees which shall be announced at sale. The Balance of the purchase price to be paid in certified funds within thirty (30) days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If Purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the ratification, the Purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the Purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the Purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the Purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the Purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the Purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale, the defaulting Purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the default rate of 22% per annum from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the Purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the Purchaser. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the noteholder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated, or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

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COURT APPOINTED TRUSTEES'
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3640 13th STREET, NW
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(Square 2828, Lot 0813)

In execution of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia Civil Division ("Court") Order Granting Default Judgment in Case #2022-CA-004168-R(RP) Toorak Capital Partners, LLC v. Rod's Realty and Investments, LLC the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction within the offices of Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

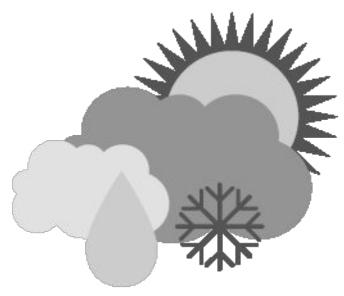
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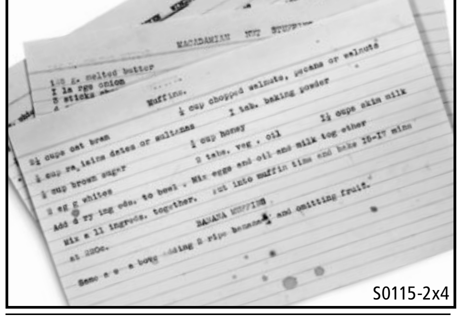
THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Washington, DC and more fully designated as Lot 0813 in Square 2828 in a Commercial Deed of Trust, Security Agreement, Fixture Filing, and Assignment of Leases and Rents (Purchase Money) and dated May 15, 2019, recorded as Instrument No. 2019056295 among the D.C. Land Records, and assigned by Assignment of Deed of Trust, recorded as Instrument No. 2019103669, subsequently assigned by Assignment of Deed of Trust, recorded as Instrument No. 2019109544 and described as:
All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the District of Columbia and being more particularly described as follows: The South 16.67 feet on 13th Street by depth of 127.50 feet to an alley of Lot 57 in Block 43 in a subdivision made by Andrew A. Limpscomb and others' Trustees' subdivision of land known as "Holmead Manor" as per plat recorded in Liber County 8 at Folio 46 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia. The improvements thereon being known as 3640 13th Street, NW Washington DC 20010.
The property will be sold by Trustees' Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of at least $80,000 will be required at time of sale, in cashier's or certified check, or other form as Substitute Trustees may determine. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the Note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to the Substitute Trustees which shall be announced at sale. The Balance of the purchase price to be paid in certified funds within thirty (30) days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If Purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid thirty (30) days of the ratification, the Purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the Purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the Purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the Purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the Purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the Purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale, the defaulting Purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the default rate of 18% per annum from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the Purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the Purchaser. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the noteholder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated, or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest.

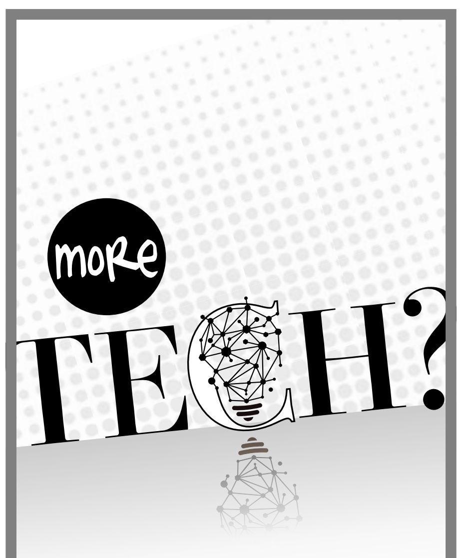
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
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By virtue of a certain Commercial Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing (Commercial Purposes) dated February 9, 2022 and duly recorded on February 11, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022016362 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records") and Collateral Assignments of Leases and Rents recorded February 11, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022016363 among the Land Records and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 notice recorded among the Land Record as Instrument No. 2023071710 a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), the undersigned Substitute Trustee, will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. on

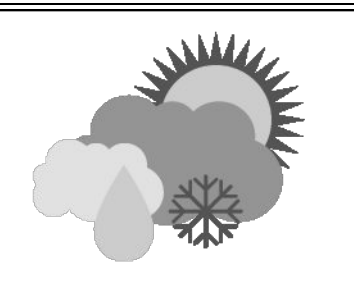
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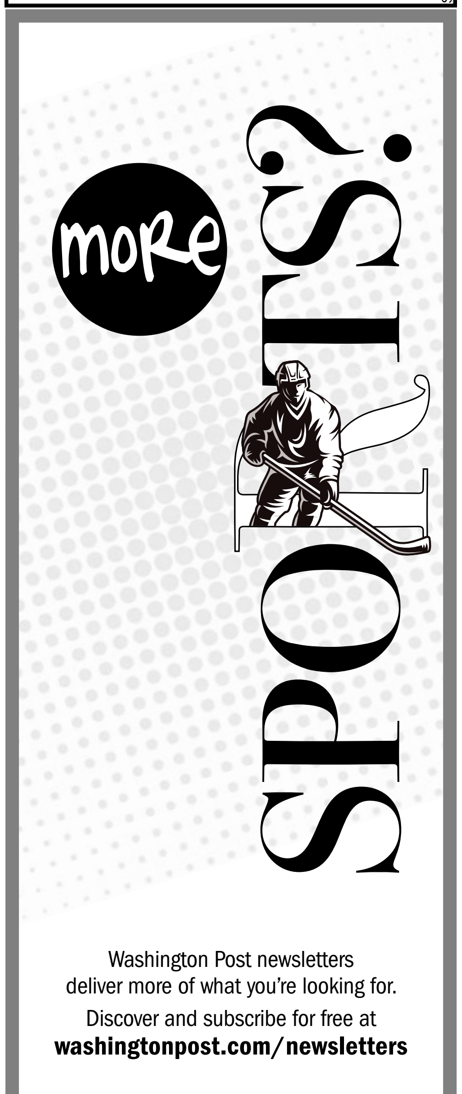
All right, title and interest in and to those premises more commonly known as 2349 S Street, Southeast, Washington, DC 20020 which is more particularly described as follows:
Lot numbered Forty-five (45) in Square numbered Fifty-six Hundred Twenty-seven (5627) in the U.S. Realty Company's subdivision of part of Randle Highlands as per plat recorded in Liber county 21 at folio 31 in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.
Note: At the date hereof, the above-described property is known for purposes of assessment and taxation as Square 5627, Lot 0045.
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property").
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustee absolutely reserves the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustee. A deposit in the amount of $19,000 will be required at the time of sale. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine in his sole discretion. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit. The Substitute Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement, provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, at the option of the Substitute Trustee, will be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within 30 days from day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustee. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the note rate then being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in certified funds; and if not so paid, the Substitute Trustee reserves the right to retain the deposit and resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Substitute Trustee may deem proper, and to avail themselves and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.
The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustee or any other party and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety codes, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustee or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustee or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements whether assessments have been levied or not. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustee assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Kermit A. Rosenberg, Esquire at 202.683.2014.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY
4620 Hanna Place, SE
Washington, DC 20019
Lot 0227 in Square 5359

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Assignment of Leases and Rents ("Deed of Trust") dated April 30, 2021 and recorded on June 3, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021075473 from 4620 Hanna LLC, as grantor, to T. D. Service Company ("Original Trustee"), as trustee, securing that certain Term Note dated April 30, 2021 in the principal amount of $281,250.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and pursuant to Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated July 21, 2023 and recorded on July 28, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023064442 removing Original Trustee and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Trustee") as successor trustee under the Deed of Trust, and following the mailing and recordation of an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 2:00 PM

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 4620 Hanna Place, SE, Washington, DC 20019 (Lot 0227 in Square 5359), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $40,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Trustee in connection with such default.

If Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Trustee reserves the right, in Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY
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8404 HEATHERWICK DR.
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 23, 2007, recorded in Liber 28844, Folio 378 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $292,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 11:22 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 352791-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
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KNOWN AS
9501 Watkins Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to STANLEY L. MERSON AND S. LYNNE PULFORD, Trustee(s), dated October 20, 2004, and recorded among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 28551, folio 454, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

OCTOBER 2, 2023 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED TWELVE (12) IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS AND ENTITLED, "DIDDLE PROPERTY" AS PER PLAT THEREOF DULY RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND IN PLAT BOOK 170 AT PLAT NO. 19151 AND HAVING A STREET OR PROPERTY ADDRESS OF 9501 WATKINS ROAD, GAITHERSBURG, MD 20882.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN IRS RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 4.375% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.
The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (80112)

Robert A. Jones, et al SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

1507 SOUTHERN SPRINGS LN.
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Sharon Bellamy and Bruce Crawford dated January 23, 2007 and recorded in Liber 28140, folio 442 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 10:57 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #13-3504420.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $57,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 23-000411-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

7500 BELLEFIELD AVE.
FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Erthia Settles, Jr. dated April 18, 2007 and recorded in Liber 29933, folio 579 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 10:55 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #12-1307875.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $26,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-003111-MD-F-1.
The property will be sold subject to a 120 day right of redemption by the Internal Revenue Service.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
10518 Edgemont Drive, Adelphi, MD 20783

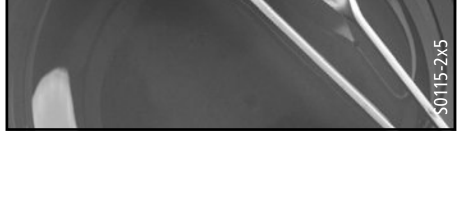
Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 10518 Edgemont Drive, Adelphi, MD 20783. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated April 27, 1993, and recorded in Liber 8749 at Page 687 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of $145,350.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **October 3, 2023 at 2:00 PM** , all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:
Tax ID# 21-2348894
Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.
If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 21-288929.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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6709 BROOKLYN BRIDGE RD.
LAUREL, MD 20707

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 24, 2022, recorded in Liber 47892, Folio 569 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $339,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 11:18 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $34,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 363658-1)

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13607 WATER FOWL WAY
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 23, 2005, recorded in Liber 23668, Folio 389 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $460,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 11:20 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $41,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 199310-3)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

4714 LAKE ONTARIO WAY BOWIE, MD 20720

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 8, 2007, recorded in Liber 29268, Folio 589 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $100,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 11:14 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The property will be sold subject to a prior mortgage, the amount to be announced at the time of sale, if made available to the Substitute Trustees.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $5,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 354386-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

5504 CHESTERFIELD DR. TEMPLE HILLS A/R/T/A CAMP SPRINGS, MD 20748

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 19, 2018, recorded in Liber 41102, Folio 415 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $300,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 11:16 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $29,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 356373-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

6200 SAVANNAH DR. BRANDYWINE, MD 20613

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 21, 2021, recorded in Liber 46083, Folio 112 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $716,777.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 11:10 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $70,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 363375-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

4202 21ST AVE. TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 13, 2020, recorded in Liber 45068, Folio 306 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $347,240.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 11:12 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #12-1269281.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $33,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 362623-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF A VALUABLE 3- STORY COMMERCIAL OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED AT 5410 INDIAN HEAD HIGHWAY, OXON HILL, MARYLAND 20745

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Credit Line Deed of Trust, dated May 9, 2014, from Mount Joy Baptist Church of Washington D.C. ("Mt. Joy") to the Trustees named therein for the benefit of SunTrust Bank and recorded among the Land Records of **Prince George's County**, Maryland in Liber 35995, Folio 147, as amended and restated by an Amended and Restated Credit Line Deed of Trust, dated September 9, 2014, from Mt. Joy to the Trustees named therein for the benefit of SunTrust Bank and recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland in Liber 36408, 001, as further amended and restated by a Second Amended and Restated Credit Line Deed of Trust, dated January 6, 2017, from Mt. Joy to the Trustees named therein for the benefit of SunTrust Bank and recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland at Liber 39125, Folio 294 and as assigned to National Loan Acquisitions Company ("Noteholder") pursuant to the following assignments: (i) an Assignment of Credit Line Deed of Trust, dated October 4, 2018, executed by SunTrust Bank and delivered to the Noteholder and recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland at Liber 41392, Folio 155, (ii) an Assignment of Amended and Restated Credit Line Deed of Trust, dated October 4, 2018, executed by SunTrust Bank and delivered to the Noteholder and recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland at Liber 41392, Folio157, and (iii) an Assignment of Second Amended and Restated Credit Line Deed of Trust, dated October 4, 2018, executed by SunTrust Bank and delivered to the Noteholder and recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland at Liber 41392, Folio 159. (collectively, the "Deed of Trust"), the Noteholder having subsequently appointed Michael D. Nord and Richard A. DuBose, III as Substitute Trustees (collectively, the "Trustees") in the place of Deborah A. Morgan and Paula Meyerson, by a Deed of Appointment, dated November 27, 2018, and recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms of the Deed of Trust and at the request of the party secured thereby, the Trustees will offer for sale to the highest qualified bidder at a public auction to be held at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland located at 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.) on:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
At 11:00 a.m.

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Prince George's County, Maryland, with all improvements thereon, if any, and more particularly described as follows (collectively, the "Property"):

Parcel numbered Ten (10) as shown on a plat entitled as "McDaniel's Subdivision", as per plat there duly recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Plat Book WWW 51 at Plat No. 10. Being in the Twelfth Election District of said County.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5410 Indian Head Highway, Oxon Hill, MD 20745
TAX I.D. NO.: 12-1354836
The Property is believed to be a three-story commercial office building consisting of approximately 22,796 rentable square feet. The Property is believed to be zoned CM (Miscellaneous Commercial) and to include approximately seventy-three on-site parking spots. The Property is believed to have the following identification number: 12-1354836.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit in the amount of Fifty-Thousand Dollars ($50,000), payable in cash or certified check, will be required of the purchaser of the Property at the time and place of sale. The successful bidder(s) will be required to increase the deposit to ten percent (10%) of the bid amount by the close of business on the third business day following the date of sale by delivering certified funds to the Trustees. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest thereon at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement, shall be due from the purchaser in cash or by certified check within thirty (30) days following final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Time is of the essence. If ratification or settlement is delayed for any reason there shall be no abatement of interest. The Trustees reserve the right to extend the time for settlement. Settlement shall be held at the offices of Gebhardt & Smith LLP, One South Street, Suite 2200, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, or such other place as may be agreed to by the Trustees. In the event the Noteholder, or an affiliate or subsidiary thereof, is the successful bidder at the sale, such party will not be required to make a deposit or to pay interest on the unpaid purchase price. At settlement, the purchaser shall provide all additional information and documentation reasonably requested by the Substitute Trustees and/or the Noteholder in order to comply with all applicable anti-money laundering, anti-terrorism or other applicable laws or regulations. The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw the Property from sale for any reason.

All senior liens, real estate taxes, recordation taxes, assessments, water charges and municipal charges owed against the Property which are not extinguished as a matter of law by the foreclosure sale, shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser and shall be paid for by the purchaser at settlement. The cost of all documentary stamps, recordation taxes, transfer or recordation taxes due as a result of a default under or a foreclosure of the Deed of Trust, document preparation costs, other transfer taxes, title examination costs, purchaser's attorneys' fees and all other costs associated with conveying the Property to the purchaser, shall also be the sole responsibility of the purchaser and shall be paid for by the purchaser at settlement.

The Property is being sold in an "AS IS" condition and without any warranties or representations, either express or implied, as to the nature, condition or description of the Property or the improvements thereon. The Property is also being sold subject to: (a) all existing building and zoning code violations; (b) all critical area and wetland violations; (c) all environmental problems, conditions and violations which may exist on or with respect to the Property; (d) all senior liens, encumbrances, easements, conditions, restrictions and covenants (if any); (e) all rights of redemption, (f) such state of facts that an accurate survey or physical inspection of the Property might disclose; and (g) all agreements, declarations and restrictions of record affecting the Property, if any.

The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the Property immediately after the sale takes place. It shall be the purchaser's responsibility to obtain possession of the Property following final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland and conveyance of the Property by the Trustees to the purchaser.

In the event the Purchaser fails to go to settlement as required, in addition to any other legal or equitable remedies available to the Trustees, the Trustees may, subject to further order of the court, resell the Property at the Purchaser's sole risk and expense and retain and apply the aforementioned Deposit to any deficiency in the purchase price sustained by the Trustees, all costs and expenses of both sales, reasonable attorneys' fees, and any other damages sustained by the Trustees as a result of the Purchaser's default, including, without limitation, all incidental damages. If the Trustees are unable to convey the Property as described above, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned Deposit, without interest thereon. Upon refund of the Deposit to the purchaser as aforesaid, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Trustees, the Noteholder or the Auctioneer conducting the sale of the Property. The parties' respective rights and obligations regarding the terms and conduct of the sale shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland.

The information contained herein was obtained from sources deemed to be reliable, but it is offered for informational purposes only. The Auctioneer, the Noteholder and the Trustees do not make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of this information.

Michael D. Nord, Substitute Trustee
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TRUSTEE'S SALE
15116 Red Ridge Pl, Bowie, MD 20715

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 15116 Red Ridge Pl, Bowie, MD 20715. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated September 26, 2005, and recorded in Liber 23644 at Page 392 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of $456,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **October 3, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 14-3090719

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

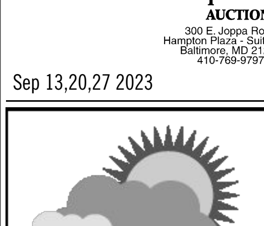
Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293010.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

10019 DAKIN CT. CHELTENHAM, MD 20623

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Trauncey Speight and Veronica Speight dated September 27, 2006 and recorded in Liber 26347, folio 16 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 10:48 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #11-1139583.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-002645-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

5910 ARBROATH DR. CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Thomara B. Speight dated August 24, 2007 and recorded in Liber 28616, folio 8 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 10:50 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #09-0902924 and Tax ID #09-0902932.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $45,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001701-MD-F-1.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
E10635 Lazy Day Lane, Mitchellville, MD 20721

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as E10635 Lazy Day Lane, Mitchellville, MD 20721. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated November 24, 2004, and recorded in Liber 21957 at Page 86 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of $223,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **September 19, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 13-1523109

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 18-276310.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
500 Suffolk Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 500 Suffolk Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated September 13, 2007, and recorded in Liber 28772 at Page 451 among the land records of the **COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S**, in the original principal amount of $405,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **October 3, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 18-2051225

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 17-269678.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
2512 Fairlawn St, Temple Hills, MD 20748

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 2512 Fairlawn St, Temple Hills, MD 20748. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated September 27, 2007, and recorded in Liber 29334 at Page 001 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of $50,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **October 3, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 06-0425470

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293582.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
SINGLE FAMILY PROPERTY

5718 BLACK HAWK DRIVE
OXON HILL, MD 20745

(Case No.: C-16-CV-23-000896 in The Circuit Court for Prince George's County)

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Indemnity Deed of Trust from Curtis Lee Johnson, Sr. dated June 7, 2019 and recorded in Liber 43955, folio 575 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 11:00 AM

The following described property, thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
Parcel 1:
Being known and designated as Lot 12 in Block 106 in a subdivision known as Section 7, Forest Heights as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book BB 10 at plat 51 among the Land Records of Prince Georges County, Maryland.
Parcel 2:
The north 30 feet by the full depth of lot 13 block 106 in the subdivision known as Section 7, Forest Heights, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book BB 10 at Plat 51 among the Land Records of Prince Georges County, Maryland.
The property address being known as: 5718 Black Hawk Drive, Oxon Hill, MD 20745.
Tax ID No. 12-1301407
The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
The property will be sold subject to a prior Deed of Trust dated July 18, 2017 and recorded among the land records for Prince George's County at Book 39908, Page 410, in the original principal amount of $228,480.00
The property will be sold subject to a prior Financing Statement related to solar panels dated January 19, 2018 and recorded among the land records for Prince George's County at Book 40473, Page 306 and thereafter renewed on May 15, 2023 and recorded at Book 48824, Page 214, with a payoff amount of $42,286.89 as of September 20, 2023.
Terms of Sale: A deposit in the amount of $15,000 in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in any other form suitable to the Substitute Trustees in their sole discretion, shall be required at the time of sale, except no deposit shall be required of the secured party, its successors or assigns. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten (10) days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that the property will be resold and the entire deposit shall be retained by the Substitute Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting Purchaser. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 11% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of current year's real property taxes are adjusted as of the date of sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Taxes due for prior years including costs of any tax sale are payable by the purchaser. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, whether incurred prior to or after the sale to be paid by the purchaser. Any deferred water and sewer charges that purports to cover or defray cost during construction of public water or wastewater facilities constructed by the developer and subject to an annual fee or assessment are to be paid by the purchaser to the lienholder and are a contractual obligation between the lienholder and the owner of the property, and is not a fee or assessment imposed by the county. Any right of prepayment or discount for early prepayment of water and sewer charges may be ascertained by contacting the lienholder. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All costs of recordation including but not limited to transfer taxes, recordation taxes, agricultural or other taxes or charges assessed by any governmental entity as a condition to recordation shall be paid by Purchaser, whether or not Purchaser is a First Time Maryland Homebuyer. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at sale.
The property will be sold subject to a 120-day right of redemption by the Internal Revenue Service.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
8905 Crandall Road, Lanham, MD 20706

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 8905 Crandall Road, Lanham, MD 20706. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated November 14, 2008, and recorded in Liber 30194 at Page 035 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of $487,500.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **October 3, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:
Tax ID# 20-2210243
Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.
Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.
If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-290417.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY
IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

9207 MIDLAND TURN
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 19, 2006, recorded in Liber 24896, Folio 767 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $472,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 11:14 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $21,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 356152-1)

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OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY
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9215 ROXANNE DR.
LANHAM, MD 20706

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 18, 2006, recorded in Liber 26936, Folio 134 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $308,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 11:16 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 361099-1)

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13325 WARBURTON DR.
FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 25, 2006, recorded in Liber 26447, Folio 227 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $262,200.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 11:12 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $26,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359311-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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9014 PINEHURST DR.
FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Renee Hunter dated June 21, 2018 and recorded in Liber 41121, folio 352 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 11:02 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #05-0365007.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $33,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001429-MD-F-1.

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Yohance M. Duff dated June 8, 2018 and recorded in Liber 41718, folio 427 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 11:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #09-0933721.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $33,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-002568-MD-F-2.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
6328 Sunvalley Terrace, District Heights, MD 20747

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 6328 Sunvalley Terrace, District Heights, MD 20747. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated March 28, 2022, and recorded in Liber 47550 at Page 478 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's,** in the original principal amount of $319,113.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **September 19, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:
Tax ID# 06-0452177
Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.
Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.
If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293196.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
1200 Hill Road, Landover, MD 20785

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 1200 Hill Road, Landover, MD 20785. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated October 30, 1998, and recorded in Liber 12680 at Page 517 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of $131,800.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **September 19, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:
Tax ID# 18-1990563
Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 19-285660.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
5910 Sellner Lane, Clinton, MD 20735

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 5910 Sellner Lane, Clinton, MD 20735. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated June 11, 2007, and recorded in Liber 29607 at Page 421 among the land records of the **COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S**, in the original principal amount of $384,500.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **September 19, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:
Tax ID# 09-3121738
Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.
Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.
If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 17-269302.

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111 REMITAL ROAD
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By authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated December 17, 2021 and recorded in Liber 38237, Folio 185 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $401,149.00, and an interest rate of 3.500%, default having occurred thereunder, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

October 3, 2023 AT 9:33 AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.
Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $39,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid within 10 days of ratification of sale by the Court. The purchaser, other than the holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. If settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest or taxes. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all transfer and recordation taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for the Substitute Trustees, if the Substitute Trustees have filed a motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on themself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest.
(CGD File #: 459985)
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

6070 SHADY SIDE RD.
SHADY SIDE, MD 20764

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Riley Carr a/k/a Riley W. Carr dated December 23, 2005 and recorded in Liber 17423, folio 178 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 9:25 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #07-000-03378210.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $27,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 23-000376-MD-F-1.
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

7538 ROCK CREEK WAY
PASADENA, MD 21122

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 24, 2007, recorded in Liber 19543, Folio 688 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $200,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 9:22 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, believed to be waterfront, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $18,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 340334-2)
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

8428 ARBUTUS ROAD
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By authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated October 16, 2013 and recorded in Liber 26842, Folio 324 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $139,130.00, and an interest rate of 4.625%, default having occurred thereunder, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

October 3, 2023 AT 9:37 AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.
Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $12,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid within 10 days of ratification of sale by the Court. The purchaser, other than the holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. If settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest or taxes. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all transfer and recordation taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for the Substitute Trustees, if the Substitute Trustees have filed a motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on themself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest.
(CGD File #: 459419)
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1700 BAYSIDE BEACH RD.
PASADENA, MD 21122

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 17, 2011, recorded in Liber 23327, Folio 340 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $417,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 9:20 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $38,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 339017-1)
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

978 ANNAPOLIS ROAD
GAMBRILLS, MD 21054

By authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated April 12, 2004 and recorded in Liber 14991, Folio 122 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $260,000.00, and an interest rate of 5.870%, default having occurred thereunder, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

September 26, 2023 AT 9:36 AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.
Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $18,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid within 10 days of ratification of sale by the Court. The purchaser, other than the holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. If settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest or taxes. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all transfer and recordation taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for the Substitute Trustees, if the Substitute Trustees have filed a motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on themself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest.
(CGD File #: 459851)
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

1405 BRADEN LOOP
GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061

By authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated April 3, 2017 and recorded in Liber 30808, Folio 272 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $329,806.00, and an interest rate of 3.500%, default having occurred thereunder, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

September 26, 2023 AT 9:34 AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property being sold is a condominium unit and all common elements appurtenant thereto.
Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $31,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid within 10 days of ratification of sale by the Court. The purchaser, other than the holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. If settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest or taxes. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all transfer and recordation taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for the Substitute Trustees, if the Substitute Trustees have filed a motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on themself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest.
(CGD File #: 460231)
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

19 WEEMS CREEK DRIVE
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

By authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated June 13, 2007 and recorded in Liber 19280, Folio 359 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on February 5, 2016, in the Land Records of Anne Arundel County at Liber No. 29252, Folio 142, with an original principal balance of $417,000.00, and an interest rate of 4.000%, default having occurred thereunder, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

September 26, 2023 AT 9:32 AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.
Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $40,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid within 10 days of ratification of sale by the Court. The purchaser, other than the holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. If settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest or taxes. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all transfer and recordation taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for the Substitute Trustees, if the Substitute Trustees have filed a motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on themself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest.
(CGD File #: 460014)
This property will be sold subject to the IRS right of redemption for a period of 120 days after the sale.
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

3565 RIVA RD.
DAVIDSONVILLE, MD 21035

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 31, 2010, recorded in Liber 22642, Folio 216 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $528,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 9:38 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $49,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 353413-1)
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

1117 CARINOSO CIR.
SEVERN, MD 21144

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 23, 2016, recorded in Liber 29437, Folio 156 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $328,387.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 9:36 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $29,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 362724-1)
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**8725 AUTUMN RIDGE COURT
ODENTON, MD 21113**

By authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated November 2, 2010 and recorded in Liber 22925, Folio 137 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $272,500.00, and an interest rate of 4.500%, default having occurred thereunder, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

September 19, 2023 AT 9:50 AM

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Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $21,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid within 10 days of ratification of sale by the Court. The purchaser, other than the holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. If settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest or taxes. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all transfer and recordation taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for the Substitute Trustees, if the Substitute Trustees have filed a motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on themself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 459624)
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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
3268 Rolling Road, Edgewater, MD 21037**

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 3268 Rolling Road, Edgewater, MD 21037. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated November 24, 2015, and recorded in Liber 29090 at Page 76 among the land records of the County of **Anne Arundel**, in the original principal amount of $435,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, on **October 3, 2023 at 4:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 01-000-05195400

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

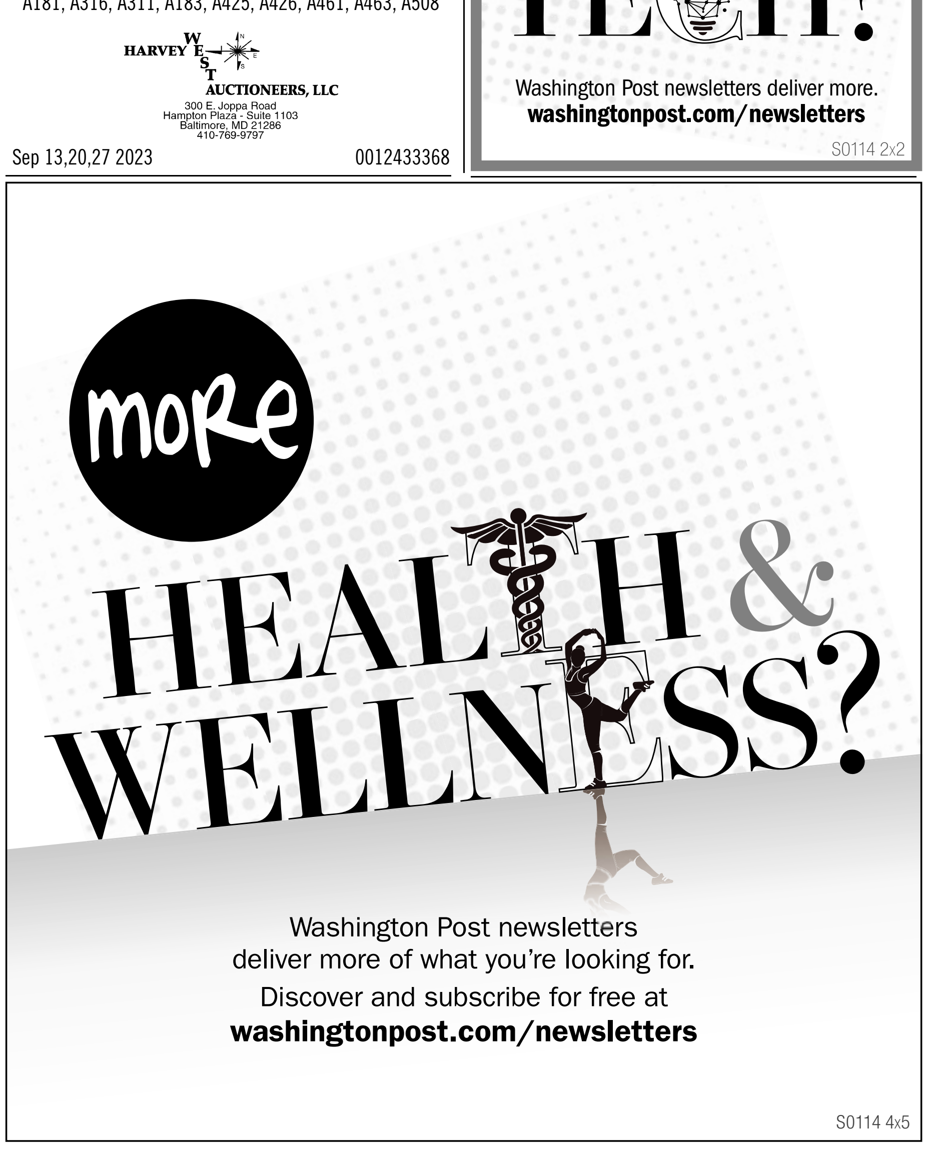
If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293845.

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
1014 Saint Charles Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409**

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 1014 Saint Charles Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated May 22, 2009, and recorded in Liber 21199 at Page 330 among the land records of the County of **Anne Arundel**, in the original principal amount of $421,488.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, on **September 19, 2023 at 4:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 03-165-19356000

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-291455.

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
1817 Lansing Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060**

Trustee's Sale of valuable leasehold property improved by premises known as 1817 Lansing Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated September 7, 2004, and recorded in Liber 15335 at Page 771 among the land records of the **County of Anne Arundel**, in the original principal amount of $86,900.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, on **September 19, 2023 at 4:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 03-418-01499202

Said property is subject to an annual ground rent in the amount of $120.00 and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 20-287220.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**734 DELMAR AVE.
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 21, 2005, recorded in Liber 17155, Folio 700 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $260,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $23,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 303651-3)
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**7 LEEWARD CT.
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 31, 2005, recorded in Liber 16460, Folio 303 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $160,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 9:43 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #06-546-90054243.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $14,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 101712-5)
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**7333 MOCKINGBIRD CIRCLE
GLEN BURNIE, MD 21060**

By authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated January 17, 2013 and recorded in Liber 25986, Folio 0442 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on September 19, 2017, in the Land Records of Anne Arundel County at Liber No. 31365, Folio 278, with an original principal balance of $347,354.00, and an interest rate of 4.375%, default having occurred thereunder, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

October 3, 2023 AT 9:35 AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.
Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $33,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid within 10 days of ratification of sale by the Court. The purchaser, other than the holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. If settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest or taxes. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all transfer and recordation taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for the Substitute Trustees, if the Substitute Trustees have filed a motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on themself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 458439)
This property will be sold subject to the IRS right of redemption for a period of 120 days after the sale.
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**1980 JOE HARRIS RD.
PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 21, 2014, recorded in Liber 4361, Folio 477 among the Land Records of Calvert County, MD, with an original principal balance of $165,343.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Calvert County, at the Court House Door, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678, on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 4:22 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $16,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. MD-359343-1)
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**145 WALNUT CREEK ROAD
HUNTINGTOWN, MD 20639**

By authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated October 15, 2007 and recorded in Liber 3074, Folio 167 among the Land Records of Calvert County, Maryland modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on January 10, 2014, in the Land Records of Calvert County at Liber No. 4332, Folio 0286, with an original principal balance of $400,000.00, and an interest rate of 2.000%, default having occurred thereunder, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Calvert County, 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678, on

October 3, 2023 AT 4:17 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.
Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $42,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid within 10 days of ratification of sale by the Court. The purchaser, other than the holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. If settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest or taxes. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all transfer and recordation taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for the Substitute Trustees, if the Substitute Trustees have filed a motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on themself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 458963)
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**2015 ELBA COURT
LUSBY, MD 20657**

By authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated February 11, 2015 and recorded in Liber 4541, Folio 0435 among the Land Records of Calvert County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $207,200.00, and an interest rate of 3.750%, default having occurred thereunder, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Calvert County, 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678, on

October 3, 2023 AT 4:15 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.
Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $17,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid within 10 days of ratification of sale by the Court. The purchaser, other than the holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. If settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest or taxes. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all transfer and recordation taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for the Substitute Trustees, if the Substitute Trustees have filed a motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on themself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 458875)
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**55 ADELINA RD.
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 30, 2017, recorded in Liber 5108, Folio 123 among the Land Records of Calvert County, MD, with an original principal balance of $264,646.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Calvert County, at the Court House Door, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678, on

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 3:50 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $25,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 355585-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**11660 COWPOKE CIRCLE
LUSBY, MD 20657**

By authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated October 27, 2014 and recorded in Liber 4468, Folio 0111 among the Land Records of Calvert County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of, and an interest rate of 5.060%, default having occurred thereunder, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Calvert County, 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678, on

September 26, 2023 AT 3:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.
Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $18,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid within 10 days of ratification of sale by the Court. The purchaser, other than the holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. If settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest or taxes. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all transfer and recordation taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for the Substitute Trustees, if the Substitute Trustees have filed a motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on themself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 457604)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**342 OVERLOOK DR.
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 28, 2011, recorded in Liber 3794, Folio 192 among the Land Records of Calvert County, MD, with an original principal balance of $221,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Calvert County, at the Court House Door, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678, on

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 4:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 354727-1)

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
2473 Gerard Ct, Bryans Road, MD 20616**

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 2473 Gerard Ct, Bryans Road, MD 20616. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated April 15, 2021, and recorded in Liber 11762 at Page 495 among the land records of the **County of Charles**, in the original principal amount of $265,109.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF CHARLES, at 200 Charles St (in the Breezeway between Circuit & District Courts), LaPlata, MD, on **October 3, 2023 at 12:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 07-056168

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293426.

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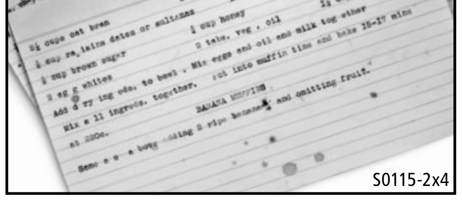
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**5400 MASON SPRINGS RD.
INDIAN HEAD, MD 20640**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 6, 2006, recorded in Liber 5913, Folio 534 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $457,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 1:40 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $11,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 356612-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**1113 E. PATUXENT DR.
LA PLATA, MD 20646**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Maleka Green dated August 30, 2021 and recorded in Liber 12649, folio 137 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 1:35 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #01-030965.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Charles County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001995-MD-F-2.

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
4274 Drake Court, Waldorf, MD 20603**

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 4274 Drake Court, Waldorf, MD 20603. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated June 25, 2008, and recorded in Liber 06663 at Page 0102 among the land records of the **County of Charles**, in the original principal amount of $238,017.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF CHARLES, at 200 Charles St (in the Breezeway between Circuit & District Courts), LaPlata, MD, on **October 3, 2023 at 12:00 PM** , all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 06-154328

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 19-284489.

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
2473 Gerard Ct, Bryans Road, MD 20616**

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 2473 Gerard Ct, Bryans Road, MD 20616. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated April 15, 2021, and recorded in Liber 11762 at Page 495 among the land records of the **County of Charles**, in the original principal amount of $265,109.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF CHARLES, at 200 Charles St (in the Breezeway between Circuit & District Courts), LaPlata, MD, on **October 3, 2023 at 12:00 PM** , all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:
Tax ID# 07-056168
Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.
Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.
If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293426.

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
6720 Partition Place, Bryantown, MD 20617**

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 6720 Partition Place, Bryantown, MD 20617. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated May 12, 2005, and recorded in Liber 5278 at Page 245 among the land records of the **County of Charles**, in the original principal amount of $564,097.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF CHARLES, at 200 Charles St (in the Breezeway between Circuit & District Courts), LaPlata, MD, on **October 3, 2023 at 12:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 08-068542

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-292869.

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
SINGLE-FAMILY HOME**

**9789 CHARLES STREET
LA PLATA, MD 20646**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Indemnity Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust") from Louis D. Grasso, not personally but as Substitute Trustee on behalf of the Grasso Family Trust dated March 17, 2009 and recorded in Liber 06802, folio 0400 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS thereon, if any, situated in Charles County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property is believed to be improved by a historic (circa 1857) single family colonial style dwelling with (+/-) 4,156 s.f. above ground living space, front porch entry, 5 bedrooms, 4 full baths, a ½ bath, and a 2-car attached garage located on approximately 10.2650 acres of land (+/-). Tax ID No. 01-013386
The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to all covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easements, agreements and rights-of-way as may affect same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $60,000 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in cashier's check or certified check, or other form acceptable to the Substitute Trustees in their sole discretion. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within ten (10) days of the final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Charles County. If payment of the balance does not take place within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit may be forfeited or property may be resold at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from date of sale to date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees in the event the property is purchased by someone other than the holder of the indebtedness. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. All taxes, ground rent, water, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges, assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, agricultural transfer taxes and settlement expenses for the property shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit. Upon refund of the deposit to purchaser, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claims against the Substitute Trustees. The conveyance of the property by the Substitute Trustees to the purchaser at settlement shall be by Trustees' Deed without covenants or special warranties.
The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to: (1) accept or reject any and all bids and to sell the property in any manner which the Substitute Trustees determine, in their sole discretion, may provide the highest yield to the secured party, (2) modify or waive the requirement for bidders' deposits and terms of sale and/or settlement, and (3) to withdraw all or any part of the property from the sale prior to acceptance of the final bid.
The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and without any recourse, representations or warranties, either express or implied, as to its nature, condition or description. No representations are made as to the property. Neither the Substitute Trustees, nor any other party, make any warranty or representation of any kind or nature regarding the physical condition of, the description of, or title to the property. The property will be sold subject to any violation notices and subject to all conditions, restrictions, easements, covenants, encumbrances, and agreements of record and all terms, conditions, notes, and matters as set forth and described in the Deed of Trust. The purchaser is responsible for, and the property is sold subject to, any environmental matter or condition, whether latent or observable, if any, that may exist at or affect or relate to the property and to any governmental requirements affecting the same.
NOTE: The information contained herein was obtained from sources deemed to be reliable, but is offered for informational purposes only. Neither the auctioneer, the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust, the Substitute Trustees nor their agents or attorneys make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of information.
PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS ARE URGED TO PERFORM THEIR OWN DUE DILIGENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO THE FORECLOSURE AUCTION. For additional information, please contact the Substitute Trustees.

Ralph J. DiPietro and Scott R. Robinson,
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**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
306 Burman Lane, Fredericksburg, VA 22407**

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated March 30, 2020 and recorded at Instrument Number 200006699 in the Clerk's Office for the **Spotsylvania County** Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally $245,054.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Circuit Court for Spotsylvania County located at 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22553.

October 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Spotsylvania, State of Virginia, and is described as follows:

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Alyssa Thomas is in the WNBA MVP discussion after leading the Sun to the No. 3 seed in the playoffs.

Thomas takes career year to playoffs

THOMAS FROM **D1**

of the league despite an offseason of significant change. As Connecticut opens the WNBA playoffs Wednesday night, Thomas arrives as a do-everything star who is rewriting the record books.

A whirlwind

The Sun played in the WNBA Finals last September, losing to the Las Vegas Aces, three games to one. The next day, Thomas headed to Australia to help Team USA win gold at the FIBA World Cup. The University of Maryland graduate then went back to the Czech Republic to play for USK Praha, where she was named first-team all-EuroLeague and defensive player of the year.

It was a pretty good stretch, but the offseason wasn't all sunshine and rainbows. Two-time WNBA coach of the year Curt Miller left the Sun for the Los Angeles Sparks, leaving the organization in need of a new coach and general manager. Then 2021 WNBA MVP Jonquel Jones left Connecticut in free agency to join the New York Liberty, and starting guard Courtney Williams, an all-star in 2021, departed for the Chicago Sky.

It was a lot of change, but Thomas, 31, held everything together with her career year. The Sun earned the No. 3 seed in the playoffs with a 27-13 record, and Thomas is one of three players — along with A'ja Wilson of Las Vegas and Breanna Stewart of New York — in the MVP conversation.

“A.T. is doing everything,” Atlanta Dream Coach Tanisha Wright said. “For them to have success, they need her to do everything she's doing. Rebounding, you're a scorer, they need her assists, they need her playmaking, they need her to defend, and she's doing all of that at the highest level. . . .

“I think she's always been that person, but it hasn't been as highlighted because they've always had the pieces that they needed. And she kind of just filled the gaps. But now she is everything that they need.”

This season, Thomas set a WNBA record with six triple-doubles, and in June she became the first player in league history to post back-to-back triple-doubles. She led the league with 9.9 rebounds per game, ranked second with 7.9 assists and was 19th with 15.5 points. In August, she became the first player in league history to post 20-plus points, 20-plus rebounds and 10-plus assists in a game.

“There's really no precedent for what we're seeing Alyssa Thomas accomplish, and that's why she will be my vote for MVP,” ESPN analyst LaChina Robinson said. “I always look at the historical perspective, and on a nightly basis she is doing things that have never been done in the history of the league.

“She has a very unique skill set. But different doesn't mean less valuable. And I feel like voices in and around basketball have somewhat diminished what Alyssa does because it's different, because it's focused on defense and rebounding and passing.”

Beyond the numbers, Thomas kept the Sun in contention when it seemed Connecticut was poised to take a step backward, especially after two-time all-star Brionna Jones was lost for the season in June with a torn Achilles' tendon.

Even Bonner was worried.

“I am the stressed person, the one that has the anxiety, and she's more cool, calm, collected, for sure,” Bonner said. “That's our life, no matter if it's basketball or off the court.”

But Thomas didn't waver: “Just trying to get her to see, like, we're going to be fine. We're still going to win games. We're going to be competing. It's going to be good.”

Three for MVP

The MVP race has developed into one of the most interesting WNBA arguments in years, and Hall of Famer Rebecca Lobo recently broke it down.

“This year's MVP vote will be a reflection of voter philosophy,” Lobo posted on social media. “1.) Best player in the league 2.) Most outstanding player on the team with the best record 3.) Player most valuable to her team. And you can't go wrong with any of them.”

Wilson, Stewart and Thomas have valid cases. Wilson is the best player on the top-seeded Aces team that went 34-6 and posted the most wins in WNBA history. She ranks third in the league in points per game (22.8), second in rebounds (9.5) and first in blocks (2.2). Stewart led the second-seeded Liberty to the best record in franchise history (32-8) and ranks second in the league in scoring (23.0), third in rebounding (9.3) and fourth in blocks (1.6).

But Robinson pointed out that Wilson and Stewart have more accomplished teammates than Thomas does, and that sets her apart.

“That's another reason why I give Alyssa the nod for MVP. When you look at A'ja Wilson and Breanna Stewart, [their teams] are loaded with talent on paper,” Robinson said. “Everyone knows when you are a better team, when you're playing with better, more proven teammates that have won championships, that have done it consistently at the highest level, that have been depended on in the higher levels of basketball, it's going to make you better.”

Talk your stuff

Bonner has long implored Thomas to speak up for herself. She's the more boisterous of the duo and wants Thomas to take things up a notch. Wilson and Stewart have MVP trophies and are household names playing in key WNBA markets. Thomas has ground to make up, and Bonner thinks her prodding is taking hold.

“I think the biggest thing is I'm putting up something that has never been seen before,” Thomas said. “. . . We live in an era now where it's so much focused on scoring that I think we lose sight of the all-around game and how impressive it is. You watch the NBA game, and of course they're putting up huge numbers every night. But [Denver Nuggets star Nikola] Jokic is essentially averaging a triple-double at his position, at his size. It's super impressive to watch.”

Sun Coach Stephanie White has everything flow through Thomas the way the Nuggets do with Jokic. Connecticut does not have a true point guard, so Thomas often brings the ball up the court. Once Jones went down, Thomas started logging additional minutes in the post. Her fingerprints are all over every game, and that's without being a three-point threat after a pair of torn labrums forced the 6-foot-2 Thomas to adjust her game.

White said she did not originally envision Thomas in a point forward role, in which she initiates the offense regularly. But now Thomas has the ball in her hands with shooters spacing the floor and a basketball IQ that guides her decisions.

“Originally it was like, ‘Hey, we're going to put her in the middle of the floor and we're going to allow her to go to work,' ” White said. “And now just seeing those things, her understanding of the game, seeing her ability to put people in spots, she has a point guard mentality. She's got a coach's mind. So being able to put her in those situations, I think, has allowed us to open up our options a lot more.”

Flourishing

Washington Mystics forward Elena Delle Donne has a pair of MVP trophies in her possession and has regularly faced all three candidates for the 2023 award. She pointed to the value that each has had on her roster and how that has influenced winning.

“You take A.T. off her team, I don't even know if they're in the playoffs,” Delle Donne said of Thomas. “She's had one hell of a season. But then you got A'ja and Stewie putting up, like, ridiculous numbers, too. It's tough, but A.T. has had a crazy season.”

Miller, Thomas's former coach, isn't the least bit surprised. He brought up Thomas's basketball mind and a determination, which makes her a “true warrior and competitor.” When it comes to her playmaking, Miller said, Thomas should be mentioned in the same breath as elite point guards Chelsea Gray and Courtney Vandersloot.

“The term ‘point forward' gets used a lot,” Miller said. “No, she is a true point guard that just happens to be in a forward body. . . . She is as good of a facilitator, period, as there is in this league. And, understandably, they're putting the ball in her hands in the new system. She's the one that allows them to flourish every night.”

Thomas has been flourishing for a year now — from the WNBA Finals to Team USA to the EuroLeague to her engagement. But she hasn't really taken the time to reflect because there's still business to take care of. The Sun hosts the Minnesota Lynx on Wednesday to start a best-of-three first-round series.

“For me, it's just staying present and focusing on what my team is doing and just building what we have,” Thomas said. “Of course, if I were to get [the MVP award], it's a huge honor . . . but it doesn't change what I'm trying to do out there.”

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TOP ROW, FROM LEFT: Store-bought rotisserie chickens from Harris Teeter, Walmart, Food Lion. ROW 2: Costco, Safeway, Wegman's. ROW 3: Sam's Club, B.J.'s, Sprouts. BOTTOM ROW: Giant, Whole Foods.

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Pecking order

Rotisserie chicken's superpower is as a shortcut for quick meals

Upgrade the supermarket staple for easy, tasty dinners

BY BECKY KRYSTAL

School is back in session, and for many families the nightly dinner rush has gotten even more, well, rushed. Meal prep on the weekends is great if you can squeeze in the time between all your other obligations and activities. Still, it's not always going to happen, even with the best of intentions. There's takeout and ready-made meals, but if you're mindful of price and nutrition, they're not an everyday solution.

So what about something in-between? That's where the ubiquitous rotisserie chicken comes in. You'll find them at almost any grocery store, warm and full of potential for feeding your entire family at a fairly reasonable price.

Shoppers agree. The National Chicken Council estimates that 1 billion rotisserie chickens are sold in the United States each year.

To inspire you and help you get dinner on the table faster, my colleagues and I have developed a few new recipes using rotisserie chicken. You'll find those here, as well as a few

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Chicken and Black Bean Hand Pies
Thai-Style Chicken Curry
Barbecue Chicken Quesadillas

Most markets offer cooked birds. We tasted 11 to find the best.

BY EMILY HEIL

There's no beating a roast chicken for versatility — it's great on its own, or the meat can be a key building block in tacos, sandwiches, casseroles and chili. It often produces welcome leftovers or lends itself to multiple dishes. And the easiest shortcut to a flavorful, golden bird can be found in your grocery store, where rotisserie chickens have become a staple, beloved by shoppers looking to put a hot meal on the table for the family during a busy school week and by those cooking for only one or two. ¶ And while most consumers will simply opt for the cooked rotisseries from whatever grocery store they typically frequent, we wanted to see whose chickens stood out from the flock. ¶ The logistics for this taste test were a bit more complicated than for others we've done. First of all, many grocery chains are regional, so in addition to several nationwide brands, we scooped up samples from the major chains in the Washington region. ¶ While variations abound, including lemon-pepper, barbecue and herb-bedecked, we opted for the most traditional, plainest version that each store offered.

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DINNER IN MINUTES

Actor Danny Trejo is known as a Hollywood heavy, but his new cookbook includes a series of thrillers. **E2**



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Shrimp tostada and agua fresca recipes turn a movie villain into a party hero



Ann Maloney
DINNER IN MINUTES

Actor Danny Trejo is a study in contrasts. Felon. A big, craggy-faced man with a gruff voice and multiple tattoos. A villain on the big screen.

He also stars in kids' movies and is a father, restaurateur, businessman, volunteer drug counselor and motivational speaker who has been in recovery for more than 50 years. In recent years, he has added cookbook author to his résumé.

His first book, "Trejo's Tacos: Recipes and Stories from L.A.," published in 2020, featured dishes from his restaurants, while his new one, "Trejo's Cantina," is built around the "foundational elements of Los Angeles Mexican culinary culture" with recipes for agua frescas, tacos, tostadas and empanadas that he describes as "fun and easy food with big, bold flavors."

It also includes a generous helping of inspiration. Think you can't do something? Trejo, 79, is here to say: "You got this." His remarkable life story bears out that determination. It has been well chronicled through interviews and in the 2020 film "Inmate #1: The Rise of Danny Trejo." (Because of his busy schedule, we were unable to connect, so I listened to a half-dozen interviews he has given and re-watched the film about his life.) A heroin user by the time he was 12, Trejo was convicted of armed robbery and spent much of the 1960s in California prisons, where he took up boxing and, eventually, got sober.

His foray into acting began when he visited the set of 1985's "Runaway Train" to counsel a fellow recovering addict and ended up landing a bit part boxing with actor Eric Roberts. There, he became reacquainted with Edward Bunker, also a former San Quentin inmate, who became a writer and movie consultant, and Trejo's mentor as he moved into acting.

Chances are, if you've watched an action film in the past 35 years or so, you've seen him on the silver screen. He has been in more than 300 movies, working his way from villainous extra roles to leads in such varied films as the Machete and Spy Kids franchises — even portraying a hungry Marcia Brady in a Snickers commercial.

Today, his business enterprises include six restaurants — multiple locations of Trejo's Tacos as well as Trejo's Cantina and Trejo's Coffee and Donuts in Los Angeles — a food line, branded merchandise, appearances in video games and a record label, plus he still finds time to speak to those in recovery and those who counsel them.

Trejo doesn't shy away from his criminal past. He uses it to demonstrate how far a person can go with support, a willingness to change and the desire to contribute to society.

Giving back is a big part of his recovery. In the documentary and in interviews, he's fond of saying: "Everything good that's happened to me has happened as a direct result of me helping someone else."

Food has long been one of the ways that he has built community — even in prison.

In "Trejo's Cantina," he describes the "prison potlucks" he and other inmates made for fellow San Quentin inmates: "If a bunch of cons can make a concrete table in a maximum security penitentiary feel like a party, imagine what you can do in your kitchen if you treat every meal, whether it's breakfast, lunch or dinner, like a celebration of life."

For home cooks, he offers tips for building out a Mexican pantry and recipes for versatile salsas and sauces and big-batch party beans, as well as guidance for stocking a home bar that can serve both complex cocktails and "bada-- booze-free drinks."

His goal, he says, is to bring people together through easy-to-make food and drink.

I've added several of his sauces to my cooking arsenal, and I used his tips to make a Mexican feast for my birthday last month.

I picked drinks from his more than 20 zero-proof recipes — my favorites so far are the Cucumber-Jalapeño Agua Fresca and a Watermelon Agua Fresca — and paired them with his quick and easy Shrimp Tostadas With Avocado and Lime Crema.

I brought those recipes with me on a quick beach trip as well. Because Trejo was right: They bring smiles and a delicious party to the table in minutes.



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Danny Trejo is an actor, father, restaurateur, businessman — and previously convicted felon. His burgeoning food empire includes taco stands and doughnut shops in the Los Angeles area.

Shrimp Tostadas With Avocado and Lime Crema

4 servings (makes 8 tostadas)

Try the crema on sandwiches and tacos, too.

Make ahead: The crema can be made up to 1 week in advance; the shrimp 1 day ahead.

Storage: Refrigerate the shrimp for up to 2 days; the crema for up to 1 week.

Substitutions: Don't have cilantro? Top with parsley.

Total time: 40 mins

Recipes adapted from "Trejo's Cantina" by Danny Trejo (Clarkson Potter, 2023).

Ingredients

For the crema

- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons adobo sauce from canned chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, sriracha or your favorite chili-garlic sauce, such as sambal oelek
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice, plus more if needed
- ¼ teaspoon fine salt

For the avocado mash

- 2 avocados, halved and pitted
- Juice of 1 lime
- ¼ teaspoon fine salt

For the shrimp

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 pound jumbo shrimp (16-20 per pound), peeled and deveined

For the tostadas

- Eight (6-inch) tostada shells
- Quick pickled red onions (optional)
- ¼ cup fresh cilantro leaves
- Lime wedges, for serving

Steps

- Make the crema: In a medium bowl, stir together the sour cream, adobo sauce, lime juice and salt until combined.
- Make the avocado mash: Scoop the avocado flesh into a medium bowl. Add the lime juice and salt, and mash with a fork until smooth enough to spread it on a tostada.
- Make the shrimp: In a large skillet over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the shrimp in a single layer and cook until pink and opaque on one side, about 3 minutes. Turn the shrimp over and cook until pink and opaque throughout, about 4 minutes more. (If you have small shrimp, reduce the cooking time.)
- Transfer the shrimp to a cutting board. When cool enough to handle, cut into ½-inch pieces.
- Assemble the tostadas: Spread about 2 tablespoons avocado mash on each tostada all the way to the edge. Top with about ¼ cup of chopped shrimp. Drizzle a scant 2 tablespoons of the chipotle crema over the shrimp, top with pickled onions, if using. Sprinkle with the cilantro leaves and serve with lime wedges on the side.

Nutrition | Per serving (2 tostadas): 504 calories, 27g carbohydrates, 220mg cholesterol, 34g fat, 7g fiber, 28g protein, 12g saturated fat, 728mg sodium, 3g sugar

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Cucumber-Jalapeño Agua Fresca

4 servings (makes 4 cups)

Cooling cucumber and a bit of jalapeño are whirred together to make this refreshing nonalcoholic drink, with just a hint of heat.

Storage: Refrigerate for up to 4 days.

Total time: 15 mins

Ingredients

- 1 cup water
- 1 medium cucumber (10 ounces), sliced
- 1 (¼-inch) slice jalapeño
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 4 teaspoons granulated sugar
- Fine salt
- Ice
- 16 ounces club soda, chilled
- Lime slices or cucumber strips, for garnish (optional)

Steps

- In a blender, combine the water, cucumber, jalapeño, lime juice and sugar and process until smooth.
- Strain the mixture through a fine-mesh sieve into a pint-size container, pressing down with a flexible spatula. (Discard the solids or save them to add to a smoothie.)
- Add a pinch of salt, stir and taste for balance, adding a bit more if necessary. If not serving right away, cover and refrigerate until needed.
- To serve, pour ½ cup of the mixture into each ice-filled Collins glass. Add ½ cup club soda per glass and gently stir to incorporate. Garnish with lime slices or cucumber strips, if desired, and serve.

Nutrition | Per serving (1 cup): 27 calories, 6g carbohydrates, 0mg cholesterol, 0g fat, 1g fiber, 1g protein, 0g saturated fat, 100mg sodium, 5g sugar



Watermelon Agua Fresca

4 servings (makes 2 cups)

This refreshing agua fresca stars watermelon, whirred up with sugar, lime juice and a pinch of cayenne pepper, and is topped with a cube of the fruit coated in spicy Tajín.

Where to buy: Tajín is available in well-stocked supermarkets, Latin markets and online.

Storage: Refrigerate for up to 4 days.

Total time: 15 mins

Ingredients

- 2 cups (12 to 14 ounces) cubed watermelon, plus 4 bite-size cubes for serving
- Tajín (optional)
- 8 ounces water
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 ½ tablespoon fresh lime juice
- ⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Ice

Steps

- Place the 4 bite-size watermelon cubes on a plate and, if using, lightly dust them on all sides with the Tajín.
- In a blender, combine the remaining 2 cups of the watermelon, water, sugar, lime juice and cayenne and blend until smooth. Strain the mixture through a fine mesh sieve into a 1-quart container, gently pressing down with a flexible spatula to extract all of the juice. (The more you press down, the cloudier the drink will be. Discard the pulp, or use it to make smoothies.)
- To serve, pour the mixture into ice-filled rocks or favorite similar-size cocktail glasses and garnish each with a cube of watermelon.

Nutrition | Per serving (½ cup): 26 calories, 7g carbohydrates, 0mg cholesterol, 0g fat, 0g fiber, 0g protein, 0g saturated fat, 0mg sodium, 6g sugar

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Embrace escabeche's rich past with a tangy, bright halibut dish



G. Daniela Galarza
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The smell of vinegar, brash and dissonant, wafted out of my childhood kitchen often, tickling my nose. I came to associate it with the promise of something good. It could be my Iranian mother making sekahnjebin on a hot day, or my Puerto Rican father preparing bistec encebollado for dinner that night. Or, it could be either of them marinating fish in a heady mix of vinegar and aromatics. I didn't realize it as a kid, but pescado en escabeche, a dish of fried or sauteed fish almost pickled in a vinegar-based sauce, is a link between the disparate cultures of my parents.

"The Romans were no strangers to preserving fish in vinegar and oil — Apicus gives a recipe for fried fish preserved in vinegar in *De re coquinaria* (late fourth century). But escabeche probably came into Spain with the Muslims," writes Maricel E. Presilla in "Gran Cocina Latina," one of my favorite books. "The word comes from the Arabic iskedeg, which in turn is a popular form of the Persian word sikbaj. A thirteenth-century Baghdadi recipe for sikbaj instructs cooks to fry fish in sesame oil with coriander seeds and then pour vinegar colored with saffron over it."

When the Moors settled in Al-Andalus — present day Andalusia — they brought this technique with them. Not only was it prized for its deliciousness and adaptability, but in the days before refrigeration, it was a reliable way to preserve fish, as Anya von Bremzen writes in "The New Spanish Table." (Escabeche was and is also made with meat, vegetables or legumes.) Between the 13th and 15th centuries, the Muslims lost their hold on Andalusia as it gradually became more Christian. Escabeche endured this transition, as well as the painful Inquisition years that followed.

The Moors gave the Spanish a taste of sweet and sour, a flavor combination that persisted across Europe through the Middle Ages. Accordingly, escabeche recipes sometimes also included almond milk, honey, dried fruit and warm spices. Eventually, the Spanish settled on a formula heavy on the olive oil, vinegar, garlic and bay.

It's no surprise then that the escabeches of the Caribbean, Central and South America are largely based on this quartet of aromatics. From there, cooks in different regions pulled from locally available spices and seasonings, augmenting the pickling sauce with a variety of herbs, vegetables, fruits and chiles. In Puerto Rico, green bananas and chicken gizzards are made into an escabeche with onions, allspice and sofrito. In Uruguay, partridge escabeche contains carrots and black peppercorns. In Mexico and Central America, a variety of vegetables are made into escabeches, which are served alongside more elaborate dishes.

For this version of Pescado en Escabeche, I wanted to create a recipe that honored traditional escabeches. I also wanted something I would reliably want to cook and eat — meaning, I wanted to be able to make and eat it within an hour.

Many Puerto Rican recipes for fish escabeche call for dredging the fish in flour and then pan frying it in olive oil before dousing it in a vinegary sauce. Here, you'll simply sear firm halibut steaks and then set them in a bowl filled with lime juice, vinegar, olives, garlic and onion slices. Add a bay leaf to keep it traditional. I prefer to toss in a sliced Fresno chile. Its subtle heat adds a little extra dimension — and color! — to the pungent dish. Let the fish settle into the escabeche for at least 15 minutes before serving. Garnished with cilantro, it is wonderful over rice. I like serving plantain chips on the side, too, for a little crunch.

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Pescado en Escabeche

2 servings

Make ahead: The cooked fish needs to marinate for 15 to 40 minutes before serving.

Storage: Refrigerate for up to 1 day.

Active time: 25 mins; **Total time:** 40 mins

From staff writer G. Daniela Galarza.

Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- Two (10-ounce) skin-on halibut fillets, patted dry
- Fine salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup fresh lime juice (from 2 limes)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup white vinegar or white wine vinegar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup manzanilla olives with pimentos
- 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive brine
- $\frac{1}{2}$ small yellow onion (2 ounces total), sliced
- 1 bay leaf (optional)
- 1 Fresno chile, seeded and sliced (optional)
- 10 stems fresh cilantro, chopped (optional)
- Cooked white rice, for serving (optional)
- Plantain chips, for serving (optional)

Steps

- Rub 1 tablespoon of the oil all over the halibut fillets, then lightly season them with salt and pepper.
- In a shallow serving bowl large enough for the fish, stir together the remaining 3 tablespoons of oil, the lime juice, vinegar, olives, garlic, olive brine, onion, bay leaf, if using, chile, if using, and cilantro.
- Heat a well-seasoned grill pan or large cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat until it just begins to smoke. Place the fillets skin side down in the pan and cook until the skin turns golden brown, 4 to 6 minutes. Carefully flip and cook until the fish is opaque and the fish begins to flake when prodded with a fork, another 4 to 6 minutes.
- Nestle the fish into the bowl with the vinegar mixture, skin side up, and let marinate for at least 15 minutes and up to 40 minutes (the longer it marinates, the more pungent its flavor will be).
- Transfer each fillet to a shallow bowl and spoon the sauce over. Discard the bay leaf. Serve warm or at room temperature, with rice or plantain chips on the side, if desired.

Nutrition | Per serving (1 fillet and 1 cup of sauce): 573 calories, 7g carbohydrates, 139mg cholesterol, 35g fat, 1g fiber, 54g protein, 5g saturated fat, 776mg sodium, 2g sugar

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Artichoke hearts add pluck to chicken



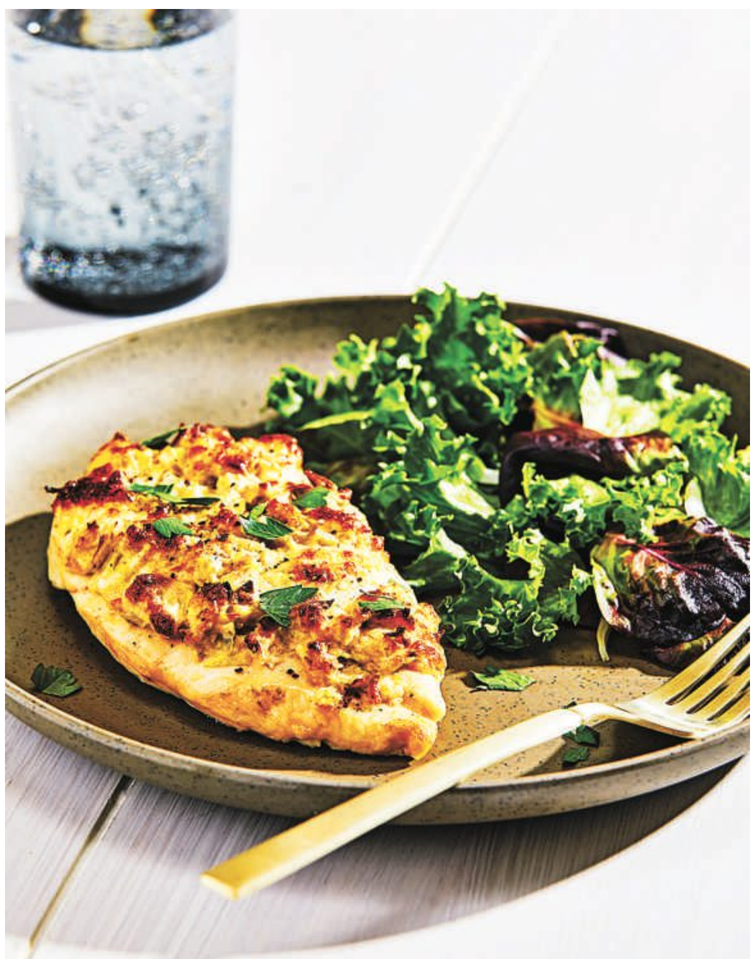
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Boneless, skinless chicken breast is a staple of healthful eating for good reason — it packs a lot of protein with not much saturated fat, it cooks quickly, and it is a blank slate flavor-wise so there is a lot you can do with it. Simply grilled or baked, it can be a lifeline on a busy, back-to-school weeknight.

But like the day-to-day routine of the season itself, basic cooked chicken breast can get boring really fast. Also, it's easily overcooked and tends to wind up dry. Enter these chicken artichoke melts, which are full of exciting flavor and juiciness but require hardly any effort.

The topping is a simple but sublime mixture of finely chopped artichoke hearts, grated parmesan cheese, garlic powder and a touch of cream cheese. After mashing these ingredients together into a thick paste, you pile it onto pieces of chicken breast and bake them until the chicken is cooked and the topping is melted. Then you pop them under the broiler for a couple of minutes so the cheese becomes nicely browned.

Pounding the chicken to a uniform thickness and baking it allows for even, gentle cooking, which prevents it from drying out. The topping melts lusciously onto the chicken, forming a creamy, artichoke-dip-like layer so that each juicy bite is packed with savory flavor. It's a simple preparation that makes chicken breast something to get excited about — and I bet it will wind up in your regular meal rotation as you settle into your fall routine.



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Chicken Artichoke Melts

4 servings

Storage: Refrigerate for up to 4 days.

Active time: 20 mins; **Total time:** 35 mins

From cookbook author and registered dietitian nutritionist Ellie Krieger.

Ingredients

- Four (6-ounce) skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper, divided
- 1 cup frozen artichoke hearts, defrosted and finely chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon cream cheese, softened at room temperature
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon granulated garlic
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon fine salt
- Fresh, chopped flat-leaf parsley, for garnish

Steps

- Position a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat to 400 degrees.
- Place each piece of chicken between two pieces of plastic wrap and use a mallet or rolling pin to pound the pieces to about $\frac{3}{4}$-inch thickness. Pat the chicken dry, then rub each piece on both sides with the oil, place onto a sheet pan and sprinkle them with $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of the pepper.
- In a medium bowl, use a fork to thoroughly mix together the artichoke hearts, parmesan cheese, cream cheese, garlic, salt and the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of black pepper until combined.
- Divide the artichoke mixture among the chicken pieces, topping each with an even layer of the mixture.
- Roast for about 15 minutes, or until the chicken is just cooked through and registers 165 degrees on an instant-read thermometer. Turn on the broiler and broil for 2 to 3 minutes, or until the topping is nicely browned. Divide among individual plates, garnish with parsley and serve.

Nutrition | Per serving (1 piece of chicken): 271 calories, 3g carbohydrates, 112mg cholesterol, 11g fat, 1g fiber, 40g protein, 4g saturated fat, 443mg sodium, 0g sugar

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We went around and around to pick the best chicken

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There was potential for variation: How fresh were the chickens? How long was their commute to our office, where we did the test? We aimed to standardize things as best we could, arranging pickups by multiple staffers at about the same time (yes, a spreadsheet was involved) and stashing the chickens in insulated bags upon their arrival, a process we hoped would best mimic a shopper's experience with them. And it's interesting to note that the freshness didn't seem to matter — one of our colleagues waited as the grocery-store worker pulled the chickens out of the oven, and that bird still wound up at the very bottom of our list.

Even before lifting a fork, we discovered that not all rotisserie chickens are created equal. There is a vast difference in size — our samples ranged from 4 pounds, 2 ounces (Costco) to a petite 1 pound, 9-ouncer from Food Lion (we list the weight as we measured it, not as described on the packaging). Prices vary wildly, too, as do the nutritional factors, all provided by grocers. People watching their salt intake might want to take note of sodium amounts in particular. In some cases, it was difficult to locate the nutritional information, a process that required inquiring at the deli or even calling customer service. In one case, it couldn't be found. The overall performance of these birds was similarly all over the map — we had a clear winner, an obvious loser, and a pretty murky middle.

To judge the field, we asked eight tasters to sample each, making sure they tried white and dark meat and some skin, and to award each a score of 1 to 10, taking into account flavor, texture and overall appeal — meaning each had a potential for a high score of 80.

So which rotisserie rules the roost?

10. Harris Teeter

Score: 20

The texture was a huge (and unanimous) turnoff for our tasters. "Mealy," "mushy," "pasty," and "chalky" were among the unappetizing adjectives ascribed to this entrant, which was the definitive low scorer in this feathery sweepstakes. There was little by way of flavor, either, with one describing a "yellow-bland nothing" and another likening it to baby food "with a slight metallic taste." And it provoked some outright jeers: "I inadvertently said 'I hate this' while swallowing," said one taster. *($7.99/1 pound, 9 ounces/$5.11 per pound)*

Nutrition information per serving (4 ounces): Calories: 190; Total Fat: 14 g; Saturated Fat: 4 g; Cholesterol: 70 mg; Sodium: 420 mg; Carbohydrates: 0 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 0 g; Protein: 17 g

9. Whole Foods lemon herb

Score: 23

Your news feed is probably filled with reports of massive droughts. This chicken, which many tasters found to be severely parched, might find itself right at home on the evening news of late. "Another day, another dry chicken breast," lamented one. They also dinged it for a lack of seasoning, with one calling it "tragically bland." *($9.99/2 pounds, 8 ounces/$4 per pound)*

Nutrition information per serving (3 ounces): Calories: 180; Total Fat: 12 g; Saturated Fat: 3.5 g; Cholesterol: 60 mg; Sodium: 160 mg; Carbohydrates: 0 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 0 g; Protein: 15 g

8. Food Lion

Score: 27

Some people found this to be another dry specimen ("like the surface of Tatooine," in the words of one Star Wars aficionado). And it was the baby of the bunch, size-wise. But at least one taster found it more appealing than they originally thought: "looked pretty sad but actually didn't taste terrible." A few wanted a little more seasoning from this to make it a stronger contender. "Is salt really, really expensive?" one wondered. *($6.99/1 pound, 9 ounces/$4.47 per pound)*

Nutrition information per serving (3 ounces): Calories: 160; Total Fat: 11 g; Saturated Fat: 3 g; Cholesterol: 55 mg; Sodium: 360 mg; Carbohydrates: 0 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 0 g; Protein: 14 g





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From a collection of 10 chickens available at stores in the greater Washington area, our tasters found Walmart's bird the best.

7. Kirkland seasoned (Costco)

Score: 31

This is the rotisserie chicken to beat — the membership club's roasted poultry has attained iconic status, maintaining its low price as a loss leader (Costco subsidizes the $4.99 price tag to entice shoppers to also purchase bulk quantities of protein bars and tube socks) and attracting devotees along the way. It's far and away the plumpest of the bunch. Our tasters weren't unanimous on this one, with one declaring it her favorite ("not too salty, the dark meat has some flavor"), others found it inoffensive ("nondescript but solid") and a couple were decidedly not fans ("stringy" in the words of two tasters). Still, if you are looking for heft and value, this might be the chicken you're seeking. *($4.99/4 pounds, 2 ounces/$1.21 per pound)*

Nutrition information per serving (3 ounces): Calories: 140; Total Fat: 7 g; Saturated Fat: 2.5 g; Cholesterol: 55 mg; Sodium: 460 mg; Carbohydrates: 0 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 0 g; Protein: 19 g

6. Signature Cafe traditional (Safeway)

Score: 33

Tasters welcomed a hint of herbal seasoning here, but this specimen is only approaching middle-of-the-road territory. "Good flavor but overall not at all memorable," said one. "Would be fine in something saucy or cheesy," faint-praised another. The skin seemed to drag scores down, though, with tasters dubbing it "flabby," "rubbery" and "slightly slimy." *($7.99/1 pound, 12 ounces/$4.57 per pound)*

Nutrition information per serving (3 ounces): Calories: 160; Total Fat: 9 g; Saturated Fat: 3 g; Cholesterol: 100 mg; Sodium: 250 mg; Carbohydrates: 0 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 0 g; Protein: 20 g

5. Wegmans plain

Score: 36

The level of salt appealed to many tasters, and a few particularly singled out the dark meat for praise ("rich flavor and juicy"). But some found the salinity a little overpowering, with one calling it a "salt lick," and another lamenting that it sent him for a gulp of water. A few thought it was overcooked, but this was another one that could be serviceable in the right context. "Passable for many uses, not plain," said one. *($9.99/2 pounds, 11 ounces/$3.72 per pound)*

Nutrition information per serving (3 ounces): Calories: 180; Total Fat: 9 g; Saturated Fat: 2.5 g; Cholesterol: 95 mg; Sodium: 440 mg; Carbohydrates: 0 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 0 g; Protein: 20 g

4. Member's Mark seasoned (Sam's Club)

Score: 37

A cushy size and inoffensive flavor and texture landed this chicken in the upper tier, even if it didn't win it many effusive plaudits. It's like the kind of music playing in your dentist's waiting room, seemingly picked by an algorithm to be unobjectionable to most ears. "I wouldn't be upset if someone served this to me," said one. "Nothing about it makes me angry," was another echo of its appeal. "Moist breast meat, good browning on the skin, not overly salted," said one fan. *($4.98/3 pounds, 4 ounces/$1.53 per pound)*

Nutrition information per serving (3 ounces): Calories: 140; Total Fat: 7 g; Saturated Fat: 2.5 g; Cholesterol: 75 mg; Sodium: 430 mg; Carbohydrates: 0 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 0 g; Protein: 19 g

3. (tie) Wellesley Farms (BJ's Wholesale Club)

Score: 38

This bird appealed to the eye straightaway, with our photographer identifying it as the most visually appealing of the lineup. "Nice grilled color," said one, although another said the interior didn't live up to the packaging's promise: "the flavor of the breast meat doesn't match the looks." Muted seasoning didn't bother our more salt-averse tasters, though. ("I would rather skew that way," said one.) Several found the breast meat a touch dry, but others found the moisture level "decent" and "just fine." *($4.99/3 pounds, 3 ounces/$1.57 per pound)*

Nutrition information per serving (3 ounces): Calories: 180; Total Fat: 11 g; Saturated Fat: 3 g; Cholesterol: 80 mg; Sodium: 320 mg; Carbohydrates: 0 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 0 g; Protein: 19 g

3. (tie) Sprouts Farmers Market unseasoned

Score: 38

Salt with a side of chicken? This was voted the saltiest bird-testant, though tasters were divided over whether that was a good thing. "This one has allll the salt that was missing from the others," according to one. And most thought the meat was relatively moist, a characteristic that one speculated might be due to being pumped full of brine. Some tasters found starker differences between the dark and white meat, the latter being saltier and unexpectedly a bit better textured. *($9.99/1 pound, 14 ounces/$5.33 per pound)*

Nutrition information per serving (4 ounces): Calories: 170; Total Fat: 11 g; Saturated Fat: 3 g; Cholesterol: 70 mg; Sodium: 420 mg; Carbohydrates: 0 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 0 g; Protein: 18 g

2. Nature's Promise classic (Giant)

Score: 51

Two tasters detected a pleasant note of smoke in this guy's flavor panel, although another merely clocked a mystery "odd aftertaste." And it got high marks for appealing looks. "Evenly bronzed, back from a beach vacation in the Mediterranean, surely," according to one admirer. "Nice golden color," said another. Our critics mostly agreed that the juiciness factor distinguished both the dark and white meat, with a number labeling it "moist and tender." *($6.99/2 pounds, 11 ounces/$2.60 per pound)*

Nutrition information not available

1. Walmart traditional

Score: 56

To be fair, this bird had a significant … wing up, since the big-box brand's "traditional" variety was clearly, upon inspection, much more heavily seasoned than the others. Discernible bits of rosemary and other herbs flecked its skin and penetrated into the flesh. Multiple tasters dug the black pepper notes that were prevalent ("Omg pepper!" was a sample quote). One noted, though, that the aggressive seasoning might limit its versatility — "it might take over," one surmised. It was also higher in calories and fat than all the others we sampled, which might have helped pack in some flavor. Still, overall, it won points for having equally moist dark and white meat and a prevalent (and, at least in this batch of chickens, elusive) poultry flavor, in addition to that garden of herbs. "Actually tastes like chicken that was cooked by someone who likes to eat rotisserie chicken," praised one. *($6.97/3 pounds, 1 ounce/$2.28 per pound)*

Nutrition information per serving (3 ounces): Calories: 250; Total Fat: 19 g; Saturated Fat: 6 g; Cholesterol: 85 mg; Sodium: 250 mg; Carbohydrates: 0 g; Dietary Fiber: 0 g; Sugar: 0 g; Protein: 19 g

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A supermarket staple for simple weeknight meals

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back-pocket tips for making the most of these supermarket staples.

Buy the chickens at their freshest

"Supermarkets cook fresh rotisserie chickens every two to four hours from 8 or 9 a.m. until about 4 to 6 p.m.," Perry Santanachote wrote for Consumer Reports. The best selection is usually at peak evening hours, Anne-Marie Roerink, founder of the grocery market research firm 210 Analytics, told Santanachote. Some stores offer a guaranteed hot chicken during those hours, and if they're not available, you may be able to receive a free one on your next visit. If you want to know when the chicken was prepared, look for a time stamp on the package, or inquire at the deli counter.

Look for sales

Rotisserie chickens may already be cheaper than buying a whole, raw bird, though they do tend to be smaller. To get more bang for your buck, pay attention to store circulators or the store's loyalty app on your phone, where you may need to clip the coupon to get the discounted price. Consider buying an extra chicken and freezing the meat to use in the next month or so. While not everyone loves the texture of defrosted chicken on its own, it's still a great addition to soups, stews, pot pies and other dishes where it melds with other ingredients. Case in point: My Thai-Style Chicken Curry (recipe below).

Pay attention to added ingredients

Rotisserie chickens are typically injected with a solution to enhance moisture and flavor. The ingredients may include sugar and sodium, as well as natural flavors, gums and carrageenan, a common food additive made from red seaweed. Read the label to see what may have been added to the chicken you're buying, or follow up with the store's deli counter. To best assess the taste and texture of the chicken before you use it in a dish, try it at room temperature. (If you are breaking down the chicken when you arrive home, that's an ideal time to sample.)

Know what flavor you're grabbing

In addition to plain rotisserie chicken, the supermarket might sell other flavors, including lemon-pepper or rosemary-garlic. Be sure to buy the correct one, especially if a recipe has its own particular flavor profile, as in Aaron Hutcherson's Barbecue Chicken Quesadillas (recipe below). A regularly seasoned bird will be more multipurpose than some of the other options.



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One store-bought rotisserie chicken offers bountiful options for easy weeknight meals.

Pull the meat off the bones when you get home

While it's a little extra work up front, the meat is much easier to work with while it's warm. Plus, when it comes time to throw together quick meals on a weeknight, you'll be a step ahead of the game.

Save the carcass

Use the bones to make broth. Simmer the carcass with vegetable scraps in a pot on the stovetop, or use the Instant Pot for a faster, more hands-off process. If you're not going to use the broth right away, go ahead and stash it in bags or deli containers in your freezer (just be sure to leave head space to account for expansion). Don't have time to make the broth right away? You can freeze the carcass as well and use it straight from the freezer.

Don't forget the skin

Most rotisserie chicken skin is unappealing once you get around to eating it, and many recipes don't even make use of it. But that doesn't mean you should throw it away. While you can certainly fry the skins in oil, I got incredibly crisp results in the air fryer, no extra oil needed. The time may vary depending on the thickness of the skin and how you cut it (I preferred thin strips), but for me, the sweet spot was 7 to 8 minutes at 320 degrees. Use the crispy skin as a garnish on casseroles or pasta, eat out of hand like chips or use to scoop up a nice dip.

How long is rotisserie chicken good for?

The USDA recommends that cooked chicken be used or frozen within four days. For the best flavor, use frozen cooked chicken within four months.

You can always roast your own chicken

Any time you see a recipe that calls for rotisserie chicken, you can, of course, substitute a bird you cook yourself. Because some store-bought birds are seasoned more heavily, or injected with the solutions mentioned above, you may need to tweak the salt in your finished dish if you've been more restrained when roasting the chicken.

Combine rotisserie chicken with other shortcut ingredients

Be extra efficient by thinking about how else you can streamline your cooking using more store-bought staples. In her Chicken and Black Bean Hand Pies (recipe below), Ann Maloney combines the chopped meat with jarred salsa, canned beans and ready-made pie crusts for a fun and easy air-fryer meal (they can be baked in the oven as well). My curry recipe makes use of jarred curry paste and frozen vegetables, while Aaron's quesadillas are great way to feature your favorite store-bought barbecue sauce. More possibilities: Make a quick pizza or calzone with store-bought dough. Create mini pot pies with phyllo or puff pastry. Snag some wrappers and coleslaw mix (cook it first!) for homemade egg rolls, which I've been making a lot of recently in the air fryer as well. The list goes on.

Chicken and Black Bean Hand Pies

Makes 10 hand pies

If you have leftover rotisserie chicken, ready-made pie crust and jarred salsa, you can whip up this no-cook hand pie filling in no time. If buying prepared pie crust, look for the unroll-and-bake refrigerated or frozen ones to make your job easier. Don't feel like messing with pie crust? Heat up this filling and tuck it into charred or steamed tortillas, or add it to corn chips to make nachos.

For all the recipes here, if using a rotisserie or roasted chicken, be sure to taste the meat on its own and adjust the salt level in the recipe as needed.

Make ahead: The uncooked hand pies can be placed on a parchment paper-lined, rimmed baking sheet, frozen until solid, transferred to an airtight container and stored in the freezer for up to 3 months. To air-fry from frozen, add 5 to 7 minutes to the cooking time.

Storage: Refrigerate for up to 1 week. Recrisp in a 350-degrees oven or air fryer for about 5 minutes or until warmed through.

Substitutions: Want to skip the chicken? Add another cup of beans. No beans? Use ½ cup rice or favorite grain

Active time: 30 mins; **Total time:** 1 hour

From recipes editor Ann Maloney.



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Ingredients

- ½ cup cooked black beans, drained and rinsed if canned (see Substitutions)
- ½ cup salsa, preferably chunky, plus more for serving
- Generous 1 tablespoon chili powder, plus more for optional garnish
- ¾ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¾ teaspoon onion powder
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- ⅛ teaspoon ground cumin
- ⅛ teaspoon fine salt, plus more to taste
- Generous 1 cup (5 ounces) finely chopped cooked chicken, white and/or dark meat
- ½ cup (1½ ounces) coarsely shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped pickled jalapeño pepper (optional)
- All-purpose flour, for the counter
- 1 package refrigerated pie crusts or 2 homemade pie crusts recipe (see related recipe)
- 1 large egg, beaten
- Flaky sea salt, for sprinkling (optional)
- Crema or sour cream, for serving

Steps

- In a medium bowl, mix together the beans, salsa, chili, garlic and onion powders, oregano, cumin and salt until combined. Using a fork or the back of a spoon, mash the ingredients together until chunky, but with some beans left whole.
- Add the chicken, cheese and jalapeño, if using, and stir to combine. Taste, and season with more salt if needed, keeping in mind whether you're planning to add flaky salt to the pies before air frying.
- Dust your work surface and rolling pin with flour. Roll out each pie crust to about a 12-inch-wide circle, rotating, flipping and dusting with more flour as needed to prevent sticking. Using a 5-inch biscuit cutter (or a 5-inch-wide plate/bowl and a paring knife), cut out 10 circles. (You may need to gather and re-roll the scraps. Frozen crusts can be dry, so sprinkle them with a little water if needed.)
- Set the air fryer to 350 degrees and preheat for at least 5 minutes.
- To make the pies, add 2 heaping tablespoons of the chicken mixture to the center of each circle, brush half of the border with the egg, then fold the pastry over, seal in a half moon and crimp the edges with a fork or your fingers.
- Transfer to a large, rimmed baking sheet. (If freezing the hand pies for later, line the baking sheet with parchment paper; see Make ahead.)
- Brush the tops of the pies with the egg, sprinkle with flaky salt and chili powder, if using, and cut two small vents in the top of each pie.
- Working in batches, place the pies in the air fryer basket, leaving about 1 inch of space between the pies, and cook for about 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Transfer to a platter, carefully wipe out the basket if there are any spills, and repeat with the remaining pies. Serve warm or at room temperature, with more salsa, crema or sour cream, if desired.

Notes

- This recipe was tested in a Cosori 5.8-quart air fryer. Depending on the appliance you use, you may need to adjust the cooking time and/or temperature for the desired results.
- If using a conventional oven, bake at 375 degrees on the middle rack for an additional 5 minutes, or until golden brown. The pies won't be as crisp on the outside.

Nutrition | Per hand pie: 331 calories, 29g carbohydrates, 35mg cholesterol, 19g fat, 2g fiber, 11g protein, 14g saturated fat, 239mg sodium, 1g sugar

Recipe tested by Ann Maloney and Suzy Leonard; email questions to food@washpost.com

Thai-Style Chicken Curry

4 to 5 servings
(makes about 5½ cups)



This saucy curry comes together in a snap with a store-bought rotisserie chicken, frozen vegetables, canned coconut milk and jarred curry paste. We wouldn't call this an authentic Thai curry, but it delivers hearty comfort and bold flavors in a weeknight- and pantry-friendly package.

We recommend pulling the meat off the bones of the chicken and removing the skin when you bring it home. After that, the curry is done in just over 20 minutes.

We give a range for the amount of curry paste depending on how strong you want the flavor.

Where to buy: Jarred curry paste, such as Thai Kitchen brand, can be found at grocery stores. A wider variety of brands can be found at Asian markets or online.

Storage: Refrigerate leftovers for up to 4 days.

Substitutions: No meat? Substitute cubed firm or extra-firm tofu for the chicken.

Total time: 35 mins

From staff writer Becky Krystal.

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon neutral oil, such as vegetable, canola, refined coconut or grapeseed
- 3 to 4 tablespoons Thai curry paste (red, green or yellow)
- One (14-ounce) can unsweetened full-fat coconut milk
- 1 teaspoon fish sauce (optional)
- ½ teaspoon fine salt
- Crushed red pepper flakes, to taste (optional)
- One (1-pound) bag mixed frozen vegetables, such as stir-fry or Asian-style blends
- 4 cups (1 pound) cooked chicken, torn into bite-size pieces (from a 2-pound chicken)
- Chopped fresh herbs, such as Thai or Italian basil or cilantro, for garnish (optional)
- Rice or rice noodles, for serving

Steps

- In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, heat the oil until shimmering. Add the curry paste and cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Stir in the coconut milk until the curry paste is evenly distributed. Add the fish sauce, if using, salt and crushed red pepper flakes to taste, if using.
- Add the frozen vegetables. Bring the liquid to a simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. As you're stirring, break up any frozen vegetables that are stuck together.
- Add the chicken and reduce the heat to medium. Cook for another 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat, sprinkle with the fresh herbs, if using, and serve warm, with rice or noodles.

Nutrition | Per serving (scant 1 cup), based on 6: 337 calories, 14g carbohydrates, 83mg cholesterol, 22g fat, 5g fiber, 24g protein, 14g saturated fat, 805mg sodium, 0g sugar

Recipe tested by Becky Krystal; email questions to food@washpost.com

Barbecue Chicken Quesadillas

4 to 6 servings
(makes 6 quesadillas)



These quesadillas are easy, cheesy and full of flavor. Pickled jalapeños add a pleasant kick of heat, but you can omit them if you are spice-averse. Using a store-bought rotisserie chicken saves you the trouble of cooking the meat yourself. If you want to cut down on cooking time, use a griddle or multiple skillets so you can make more than one quesadilla at a time.

Storage: Refrigerate leftovers for up to 4 days.

Total time: 45 mins

From staff writer Aaron Hutcherson.

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon canola oil or other neutral oil, plus more as needed
- 1 medium onion (7 ounces), thinly sliced
- 1 red bell pepper (7 ounces), thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ¼ teaspoon fine salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup (5 ounces) chopped cooked chicken, white and/or dark meat
- ¼ cup barbecue sauce
- ¼ cup diced pickled jalapeño slices (optional)
- Six (8-inch) whole-wheat or flour tortillas
- 8 ounces sharp cheddar or colby jack cheese, shredded (about 2 cups)
- Sour cream and/or guacamole, for serving

Steps

- In a medium skillet over medium-high heat, heat the oil until it shimmers. Add the onion, bell pepper, cumin, salt and black pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables soften and are charred in spots, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a bowl, add the chicken, barbecue sauce and jalapeños, if using, and stir to combine.
- Reduce the heat to medium. For each quesadilla, add 1 tortilla to the same skillet you cooked the vegetables in and sprinkle about ⅓ cup cheese evenly over top. Spread about ⅓ cup of the chicken mixture over half of the tortilla and cook until the cheese is melted and the tortilla starts to crisp on the bottom, about 4 minutes. Fold the tortilla in half over the filling and transfer it to a plate or platter. Repeat with the remaining tortillas, cheese and filling. (If the skillet ever gets dry, brush with a thin layer of oil.) Cut each quesadilla in half, if desired, and serve with sour cream and/or guacamole for dipping.

Nutrition | Per quesadilla, based on 6: 399 calories, 33g carbohydrates, 60mg cholesterol, 20g fat, 3g fiber, 21g protein, 9g saturated fat, 745mg sodium, 7g sugar

Recipe tested by Aaron Hutcherson; email questions to food@washpost.com

Braised chicken with peppers is like a taste of Rome for Rosh Hashanah

BY OLGA MASSOV

Are you, like me, scratching your head about where the summer has gone? Did your Tomato Girl Summer also get thwarted by exorbitant airfare prices? Do you feel that Rosh Hashanah, which starts Friday evening, has snuck up on you out of nowhere?

Welcome to my world.

While my normal approach to the Jewish New Year is to go big or go home — think brisket or pot roast, alongside the usual chicken soup, potato kugel, a grain salad and a decadent dessert or two — this time I'm planning on something different, something that's affordable and cooks in a reasonable amount of time; with easy-to-find ingredients and not many of them, either. Bonus points if it can transport me with one bite.

Enter this unassuming braise of chicken with roasted peppers from Leah Koenig's latest cookbook, "Portico: Cooking and Feasting in Rome's Jewish Kitchen." As the title suggests, the recipes hail from the Roman Jewish culinary canon, which is marked by scrappy, humble ingredients with bold flavors.

At first glance, the dish looks too simple for a celebratory meal, but don't let it fool you — those ingredients come together in a flavorful and sublime braise.

You start by roasting the peppers in the broiler until they're charred all over. Then, once the peppers are cool, you slip off their skins, scrape out the seeds, and slice the peppers into long silky strands. (If you're short on time, Koenig says you can use jarred store-bought peppers, which won't be quite as lush, but will still deliver good results.)

Then you move on to browning the chicken. You'll probably need to do this in two batches, even if you have a large Dutch oven. (A splatter guard is your friend here.) Once the chicken is golden, set it aside and saute half of the roasted pepper strips, some garlic and the optional (but recommended) red pepper flakes.

A little wine goes in to deglaze the pan and concentrate all the tasty bits before the canned tomatoes are added with a little salt and pepper. Next, you return the chicken to the pot, gently nestling the pieces in the sauce, cover the pot and braise everything for 45 minutes. By then, the chicken will be tender and the deeply hued slurry of tomatoes and half-melted peppers will turn glossy and aromatic.

A short simmer without a lid thickens the sauce just a touch, and that's it. With a shower of fresh basil, the chicken and peppers make a striking dish that pairs beautifully with crusty bread for sopping up that velvety sauce.

While Koenig suggests this braise for Shabbat, I think it makes an ideal Rosh Hashanah main course.

I know I'm not alone in feeling that it's difficult to plan for a holiday meal at the end of the workweek. But this luscious dish feels especially doable. In under two hours — even less time if you skip roasting the peppers and go the jarred route — you have a festive main course, that while nontraditional in the context of Rosh Hashanah, will taste comforting and familiar.

My mom likes to say that how you usher in the new year is how you'll spend it, and she might be onto something. So here's hoping that the minimalism and ease of this dish will set the tone for the year to come, bringing with it nourishment and peace.



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Chicken With Peppers

6 to 8 servings

This saucy, brightly hued chicken braise "captures the essence of summer's bounty," says cookbook author Leah Koenig, and uses readily available and inexpensive ingredients, such as bell peppers and chicken thighs. Koenig recommends orange and/or yellow bell peppers to create a beautiful contrast with the tomato sauce, however, red bell peppers also work here.

Make ahead: The peppers can be roasted and refrigerated in an airtight container up to 2 days in advance.

Where to buy: Refrigerate for up to 4 days.

Substitutions: No time to roast peppers? Use a $10\frac{1}{2}$-ounce jar of roasted peppers.

No whole canned tomatoes? Use diced canned tomatoes.

Active time: 55 mins; **Total time:** 1 hour 40 mins

Adapted from "Portico" by Leah Koenig (Norton, 2023).

Ingredients

- 4 medium red, yellow or orange bell peppers, washed and dried (see headnote and Substitutions)
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more as needed
- 4 pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs and drumsticks, excess fat trimmed
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon fine salt, plus more as needed
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dry white wine, such as pinot grigio or soave
- One (14.5-ounce) can whole peeled tomatoes (see Substitutions)
- Chopped fresh basil leaves, for serving

Steps

- Roast the peppers: Position a rack about 6 inches from the broiling element and preheat the broiler. Arrange the peppers on a large, rimmed baking sheet and broil, turning every 3 to 5 minutes with tongs, or until they are blistered all over and collapsing on themselves, 15 to 20 minutes total. (Keep an eye on the peppers as they can go over the edge in seconds.) Transfer the peppers to a medium bowl, cover with a wide plate and let sit until cool enough to handle, about 30 minutes. Remove and discard the skins and seeds, slice the peppers into $\frac{1}{2}$-inch-wide strips and set aside on the cutting board. If not using right away, transfer to a lidded container and refrigerate until needed.
- Make the chicken: While the peppers are cooling, in a large Dutch oven or other heavy-bottomed pot over medium-high heat, heat the oil until shimmering. Pat the chicken dry and season lightly all over with salt and pepper. Working in batches, add the chicken, skin side down, to the pot. Sear, turning once, until golden brown on both sides, 10 to 12 minutes total; transfer the chicken to a plate.
- Decrease the heat to medium and add a drizzle of oil if the bottom of the pot looks dry. Add half of the roasted peppers, the garlic and red pepper flakes, if using, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the garlic is tender and fragrant, about 2 minutes. Stir in the wine and let cook down by about half, 1 to 2 minutes.
- Meanwhile, put the tomatoes, with their juices, in the same bowl you used for the peppers and gently break them up into small pieces. Add the tomatoes with their juices to the pot, along with the $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt and a generous amount of black pepper.
- Nestle the chicken pieces in the sauce, spooning some of it over the top. Increase the heat to medium-high and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium-low, cover, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the chicken is tender, about 45 minutes.
- Uncover, increase the heat to medium-high, and cook at a lively simmer, stirring often, until the sauce thickens a bit, about 10 minutes, adjusting the heat as needed.
- Stir in the remaining pepper strips, taste, and season with more salt, if desired.
- Serve hot, generously sprinkled with chopped basil.

Nutrition | Per serving (1 thigh), based on 8: 575 calories, 8g carbohydrates, 190mg cholesterol, 39g fat, 3g fiber, 39g protein, 11g saturated fat, 257mg sodium, 5g sugar

Recipe tested by Olga Massov; email questions to food@washpost.com

These are no veggie burger mistake — they're intentional pinto bean cakes



Joe Yonan

WEEKNIGHT VEGETARIAN

Some cooking mistakes can be hidden by a simple name change, the idea being that if you present something confidently enough (and it doesn't taste bad), your guests will be none the wiser. Did the toast get a bit darker than intended? Call it bruschetta! Did the custard not set? Call it crème anglaise!

This technique might also require a change in serving vessel or style, as in the classic example of a trifle. When your cake doesn't rise enough, you cut it into cubes, and layer it with whipped cream and fruit in a glass bowl that shows off all its beauty.

Here's one I've used more than once: If your veggie burgers turn out too soft, skip the buns, serve them on plates with a sauce and maybe a salad, and unapologetically call them bean cakes. That way, you avoid the dreaded smoosh effect that can come from compressing them between bread.

All this ran through my head when I tried a recipe from Marisa Moore's new book, "The Plant Love Kitchen." Her Pinto Bean Cakes are so simple to make. You just mash up the cooked or canned beans with onion, spices, and a good amount of cornmeal, which helps bind them and also adds a welcome crunch to the exterior when you pan-fry them. I used pinto beans as instructed, but I'm confident that virtually any legume would work.

Now, these are no mistake. Far from it. I have no doubt they are exactly what Moore intended, because they're delicious, especially when topped with her vibrant avocado salsa. But they also served to remind me that so much of cooking (and eating) is about expectation and its fulfillment — or lack thereof. In other words, if these had been sandwiched between buns and called veggie burgers, I would've been disappointed. Instead, I appreciated every tender bite.



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Pinto Bean Cakes With Avocado Salsa

4 servings (makes 8 cakes)

These simple, slightly smoky bean cakes are creamy inside, with a crispy crust (amplified by a little cornmeal). A quick avocado salsa on top provides a fresh counterpoint. Serve with bread, rice or another grain if you'd like.

Storage: The bean cakes and salsa are best when eaten fresh, but you can refrigerate them separately for up to 2 days.

Substitutions: Don't have pinto beans? Use black beans, kidney beans, or any other favorite legume.

Smoked paprika >> chili powder.

Cilantro >> parsley or mint.

Total time: 35 mins

Adapted from "The Plant Love Kitchen" by Marisa Moore (National Geographic, 2023).

Ingredients

For the bean cakes

- Two (15-ounce) cans no-salt-added pinto beans ($3\frac{1}{2}$ cups total), drained but not rinsed, with liquid reserved
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fine or medium-grind cornmeal
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped red onion (from $\frac{1}{2}$ of a 12-ounce onion)
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon fine salt, plus more to taste
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- Cilantro leaves, for garnish
- Lime wedges, for garnish

For the avocado salsa

- Flesh of 1 ripe medium avocado, diced
- 1 medium tomato, diced
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup diced red onion (from $\frac{1}{2}$ of a 12-ounce onion) medium red onion, diced
- 1 garlic clove, finely grated or pressed
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lightly packed fresh cilantro, chopped
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon fine salt, plus more to taste

Steps

- Position a rack in the middle of the oven and set a large, rimmed baking sheet on it. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees.
- Make the bean cakes: In a large bowl, use a potato masher or fork to mash together the pinto beans, cornmeal, onion, smoked paprika, garlic powder, salt and pepper until well combined. Taste, and season with more salt as needed. If the mixture isn't holding together well, add the bean liquid, 1 tablespoon at a time, until it holds together but isn't wet.
- Divide the mixture into 8 equal portions (about $\frac{1}{3}$ cup each). Wet your hands and shape each portion into a patty about 3 to 4 inches in diameter and $\frac{1}{2}$-inch thick.
- In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat 2 tablespoons of the oil until it shimmers. Add 4 patties and cook until a crisp, dark golden brown crust forms, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Transfer to the baking sheet in the warm oven. Repeat with the remaining patties, using the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil and heating it before frying.
- Make the salsa: In a medium bowl, gently toss together the avocado, tomato, onion, garlic, lime, cilantro and salt. Taste, and season with more salt as needed.
- To serve, divide the patties among 4 plates and top each portion with about $\frac{1}{3}$ cup salsa. Serve warm.

Nutrition | Per serving (2 cakes plus $\frac{1}{3}$ cup salsa): 489 calories, 65g carbohydrates, 0mg cholesterol, 20g fat, 19g fiber, 17g protein, 3g saturated fat, 458mg sodium, 5g sugar

Recipe tested by Joe Yonan; email questions to food@washpost.com

The U.S. Open is over, and the winner is everyone who ordered a Honey Deuce

BY EMILY HEIL

I love the idea of season- and occasion-specific cocktails, which, I find, bring order to a chaotic world. Gin and tonics are for warm weather and patios. Old-Fashioneds taste best by a fire. A friend once made me a Dark & Stormy as we waited for a big thunderstorm to roll in, and ever since, I've carried on the tradition when happy hour and the weather forecast agree. Martinis are an exception: I think of them as the little black dress of imbibing. (I'm merely saying this is a personal preference — if you want an eggnog during a heat wave or a margarita on Christmas, cheers to you, friend.)

So the idea of a particular drink to match a particular event soothes my soul. Mint juleps on Kentucky Derby Day and a Pimm's Cup for Wimbledon? How very appropriate. And though you've heard of those cocktails, the Honey Deuce might be a new one to you. It was for me, at least, when I stumbled on one on Instagram.

The Honey Deuce is the official cocktail of the U.S. Open, meant to be sipped both by fans courtside and those at home with a perfect view from their sofas. Its defining feature is the garnish, a skewer of honeydew melon balls that, with their greenish hue, resemble miniature tennis balls and account for the punny name ("deuce" is a 40-40 tied tennis score). The drink itself is a mixture of vodka, lemonade and a bit of raspberry liqueur floated on top. First served at the Open in 2006, the cocktail is on its way to a spot in the pantheon of signature sports-event cocktails: According to Grey Goose vodka, a sponsor of the Open and the company whose product is used in the drink, some 405,000 were served at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center last year.

Nick Mautone, the author and mixologist who invented the cocktail, recalled that he happened upon the inspiration for the drink on his drive home from a meeting with people involved with the Open's concessions and folks from Grey Goose, who had hired him to dream up something to serve during the event. He stopped at a farm stand for produce to serve friends visiting for the weekend, and once he got home, he started prepping a fruit salad. "As I was looking at this pile of honeydew melon balls, I looked at my wife and said 'These look like tennis balls — that's the garnish,'" he said.

With that as the "nonnegotiable," he built the rest of the drink around it. Because the annual late-summer tennis tournament takes place in steamy New York City, he wanted it to be refreshing and quaffable for fans looking to drink more than one. So a tall drink (it's served in a highball glass) with citrus was in order, he said. The raspberry liqueur adds another picturesque touch: Poured atop the concoction, the reddish liquid drizzles down into the ice, where it eventually mixes in to create a fruity, pink-hued lemonade. "And that was before Instagram!" Mautone laughs.

To re-create it at home, you can use any vodka, though since Grey Goose originated the beverage, it's the authentic bottle to choose — and Mautone swears by it. "It's a wheat-based vodka, so it's not overpowering like a rye vodka or heavy like a potato vodka," he says. You can mix your own lemonade, of course, though Mautone notes that there are lots of good retail options these days.

And although I'm not a big tennis spectator myself, I decided to go in on the idea of a festive late-summer sipper and make one.

I gathered my ingredients, though I could only find cantaloupes, not honeydews, at my own local farm stand. It couldn't have been easier to assemble, since there was no shaking or stirring. I just poured vodka over ice, added some homemade lemonade, and drizzled a bit of Chambord over top. The only complication was the melons: Upon returning from the store, I realized I didn't own a melon baller. Undeterred, I used a measuring teaspoon to fashion little half-spheres, which I deemed good enough. This was for my own refreshment, not likes on social media. I even skipped the skewers and tossed the demi-orbs right into the mix.

As Mautone had described, the ingredients mixed together after just a sip or two, creating an appealingly pink drink, and the taste was just as lovely: The Chambord lent a slight berry note, but the result wasn't too fruity or cloying. (It helped that my lemonade was on the tart side.) The melon was a novel, colorful addition that imbued the drink with just a hint of its ripe, soft flavor. It was light and refreshing — and it went down quickly.

Has the mint julep, which has been around since the 18th century, met its match? Mautone told me he suspected his drink would endure, too. I told him we'd have to see: "I'll check in with you in a couple hundred years."



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Honey Deuce Cocktail

1 serving

Created by bartender Nick Mautone in 2006, this three-ingredient cocktail contains vodka, lemonade and Chambord liqueur and is the official cocktail of the U.S. Open.

Total time: 5 mins

Adapted from bartender Nick Mautone.

Ingredients

- Ice
- 1 1/4 ounces vodka
- 3 ounces lemonade, preferably fresh
- 1/2 ounce raspberry liqueur, preferably Chambord
- 3 honeydew melon balls, fresh or frozen, for garnish

Steps

- Fill a chilled highball glass with cubed or crushed ice and add the vodka. Top with the fresh lemonade and raspberry liqueur. Thread the melon balls onto a cocktail skewer, garnish the drink and serve.

Nutrition | Per serving: 136 calories, 11g carbohydrates, 0mg cholesterol, 0g fat, 0g fiber, 0g protein, 0g saturated fat, 13mg sodium, 10g sugar

Recipe tested by Ann Maloney, Anna Rodriguez and Olga Massov; email questions to food@washpost.com

WINE RECOMMENDATIONS



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From left, EA Red Blend 2020; Independent Garnacha 2021; Domaine de Chevilly Quincy 2022.

Wine prices have been creeping upward for several years, even before global inflation took off in 2022. While the sweet spot for value used to be $12 to $20, I would now put it at $15 to $25, and that hurts those of us who prefer wine over other drinks. So here are three affordable wines that still show quality for the price — two of these are repeat recommendations that have increased in price but still bring pleasure to the palate.

—Dave McIntyre

GREAT VALUE
EA Red Blend 2020
★★☆☆

Vinho Regional Alentejano, Portugal, $15

This delicious red blend demonstrates why Portugal, and especially its Alentejo region, is a reliable source of bargain wines. This is good burger wine. Spaghetti wine. Weeknight wine. Alcohol by volume: 14 percent. BW: 415 grams (Light).

Imported by Tri-Vin Imports (tri-vin.com). Distributed locally by DMV Distributing (*dmvdist.com*).

GREAT VALUE
Independent Garnacha 2021
★★½☆

Bajo Aragón, Spain, $16; $43 for a three-liter box

The label describes this wine as "explosive." I might opt for effusive to describe its fruit-forward, juicy character. This is a fun wine, meant for casual sipping. Inflation has hit its price tag since I recommended the 2019 two years ago, but splurging on the three-liter box format brings the per-bottle price down to just under $11, still quite a value. Organic. ABV: 14 percent. BW: 385 grams (Light).

Imported and distributed locally by Artisans & Vines (*artisansandvines.com*).

Domaine de Chevilly Quincy 2022
★★★☆

Loire Valley, France, $25

Here's a crisp and supple sauvignon blanc, with a stony minerality that evokes the fine terroirs of the Loire Valley. Quincy is less famous and expensive than sancerre, and more complex than the wider Touraine designation. It's a great partner for seafood, salads or any dish featuring goat cheese. ABV: 13 percent. BW: 410 grams (Light).

Imported and distributed locally by Elite Wines (*elitewines.com*).

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Take advantage of apple cider season with these drinks

BY ALLISON ROBICELLI

Once upon a time, apple cider was much more than an aromatic harbinger of sweater weather and decorative gourds. In fact, it used to be damn near close to being the most important liquid in the United States of America! Colonial America was awash in apple orchards, as the soil was fertile and the water full of strange, feisty bacteria that could cause all sorts of fun side effects, like dysentery and death.

Fresh pressed apple cider, on the other hand, was full of nonpoisonous sugar water that just so happened to taste great, and was pretty dang versatile as well. Straight out of the cider press, it was a refreshing nonalcoholic beverage that provided sustenance and chill autumn vibes. (Vibes are always important, no matter the century.)

Casked up, it would gradually ferment into a hard cider, which provided microbe-free hydration and gave colonists just enough of a buzz to forget their lives revolved around endless toiling and trying not to die. Fermented even further it became applejack, a distinctly American brandy that was considered so valuable, it was used as currency. When you lack a proper country with a centralized financial system and face an endless barrage of harsh, brutal winters, barrels of booze are an excellent alternative to cold, hard cash, even if, as reported by Brian D. Hoefling in "Distilled Knowledge," it caused the occasional bout of blindness.

As time went on, apple cider gradually found itself unraveled from the fabric of American society. Amber waves of grain became an ocean of beer, thanks to a steady influx of German immigrants. Kentucky bourbon, Tennessee whiskey and Caribbean rum spent the 19th century muscling applejack out of its star status in the spirits world, and come the 20th, imports of gin, vodka and tequila all but finished the job, according to "Alcohol in Popular Culture," an encyclopedia on spirits. Nonalcoholic cider found itself filtered and pasteurized into juice, which is smoother, sweeter and — most importantly — shelf-stable, thus extending our enjoyment of liquid apples well past the autumn harvest.

Though cider might have been pushed to the periphery by the 20th century, it never went away. Apple spirits went niche, and hard cider staged enough of a comeback to make its way back onto most bar menus. Fresh apple cider, for the most part, found itself at a disadvantage as a strictly seasonal drink that was available only in autumn. But then, by the good graces of the harvest gods, cider's fortunes changed as America entered the 21st century, and the entire concept of fall became "a whole thing."

Fresh-pressed apple cider's season is unfairly short, which is why it's perfectly fine to make a big fuss about it when fall finally comes around. If anyone mocks you for "being basic" or "making fall your entire personality," do not feel shame or sorrow — instead, feel pity for those who refuse to lose themselves wholeheartedly in simple joys.

How sad it must be to never know the shiver of ecstasy that arrives on September's first crisp breeze! To be nonplussed by nature's colorful displays; incapable of experiencing cute, lightweight jackets on a deep, spiritual level. When apple cider finally comes back into your life, love it as hard as you can, for life is short and time is fleeting.

If there's one problem with a simple mug of steamy cider it's that it's *too* good, and when things flirt with perfection, it's easy to forget all the other magic it might be capable of. Apple cider can (and should!) be savored hot and guzzled cold; shaken into cocktails or served a la mode. Full of potential and possibility, apple cider doesn't need to contain alcohol to be playful — you can most certainly add a shot of zero-proof whiskey or rum to these recipes for another layer of flavor.

I leaned into cider's past with a rich and creamy eggnog inspired by a Colonial posset recipe that was a popular refreshment come holiday time as the waning cider season dovetailed with the revelry of early winter. To fortify you when winter truly arrives, I took the hot mulled cider we already know and love and added a fat pat of butter, because this is an American drink, and that's the American way. And to embrace during any season, (and at my children's request) there's apple cider milk tea which is delicious hot or cold, even if you don't want to bother with boba.



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Apple Cider Eggnog

4 servings

Lean into apple cider's rich history in America with this rich and creamy eggnog inspired by a Colonial posset punch recipe in "The Thirteen Colonies Cookbook." The spirited punch was a popular refreshment come holiday time as the waning cider season met with the revelry of early winter. We used unfiltered apple cider in this nonalcoholic eggnog, but you can use your favorite kind of cider.

If you are concerned about salmonella, use pasteurized eggs, such as Davidson's, Lucerne or Organic Valley (egg whites only) brands.

Substitutions: Avoiding dairy? Use a nondairy heavy cream, such as Califia.

Total time: 10 mins

Inspired by a recipe from "The Thirteen Colonies Cookbook" by Mary Donovan, Amy Hatrak, Frances Mills, Elizabeth Shull (Praeger Publishers, 1975).

Ingredients

- 3 large egg yolks, pasteurized if desired (see headnote)
- 1 large egg, pasteurized if desired (see headnote)
- 1 cup heavy cream (see substitutions)
- 1 1/2 cups apple cider
- 1/2 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Freshly grated nutmeg, for garnish

Steps

- In a small saucepan off the heat, vigorously whisk the egg yolks until pale yellow, then whisk in the whole egg until smooth, about 1 minute. Whisk in the heavy cream and apple cider until combined.
- Set the saucepan over medium heat and cook, whisking constantly until the mixture thickens slightly, but is still sippable, 2 to 3 minutes, then whisk in the balsamic vinegar and salt. Remove from the heat and divide among four mugs. Garnish each with freshly grated nutmeg and serve warm.

Nutrition | Per serving (1 drink): 619 calories, 92g carbohydrates, 265mg cholesterol, 25g fat, 0g fiber, 4g protein, 16g saturated fat, 186mg sodium, 84g sugar



Hot Buttered Cider

1 serving

This version of hot mulled apple cider adds a fat pat of butter for festive richness. Feel free to add a shot of liquor, too, if you are so inclined. We used unfiltered apple cider to test this recipe, but you can use your favorite kind.

Total time: 10 mins

From food writer Allison Robicelli.

Ingredients

- 1 cup apple cider
- 1 tablespoon cold salted butter, divided
- 1 1/2 teaspoons maple syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick (optional)

Steps

- In a heatproof measuring cup and using a microwave, or in a small saucepan over medium heat, heat the apple cider until steamy.
- Put half of the butter, the maple syrup, ginger, nutmeg and cloves into a mug. Add a small amount of the hot cider to soften the butter, then use the back of a spoon to thoroughly combine it with the spices until smooth. Add the remaining cider, stir with a spoon or a cinnamon stick, if using, until combined, and float the remaining butter on top. Serve hot.

Nutrition | Per serving: 253 calories, 37g carbohydrates, 31mg cholesterol, 12g fat, 0g fiber, 0g protein, 7g saturated fat, 113mg sodium, 34g sugar



Apple Cider Milk Tea

1 serving

If you love milk teas, give them fall flavor with apple cider. The drink is delicious hot or cold, with or without the boba. We used unfiltered apple cider to test this recipe, but you can use your favorite kind. We recommend steeping a tea bag for this drink, but if you prefer loose tea, use 1 heaping tablespoon of leaves.

Total time: 15 mins

From food writer Allison Robicelli.

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup apple cider
- 1 bag black tea (English/Irish Breakfast work well, as do Earl Grey and Lady Grey; see headnote)
- 2 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk
- 2 tablespoons half-and-half
- Ice
- Boba pearls, any flavor, prepared to package directions (optional)

Steps

- In a heatproof measuring cup and using a microwave, or in a small saucepan over medium heat, heat the apple cider until simmering.
- Add the tea bag and let steep for 6 minutes. Remove the tea bag, squeezing it well to extract the tannins. (Conventional wisdom says to never squeeze, but in this instance we want the bitterness to balance the sweetness.) Stir in the sweetened condensed milk and half-and-half.
- Fill a pint glass halfway with ice, then pour in the hot cider and stir. Add the boba pearls, if using, and additional ice until the glass is full, and serve.

Nutrition | Per serving: 252 calories, 44g carbohydrates, 24mg cholesterol, 7g fat, 0g fiber, 4g protein, 4g saturated fat, 64mg sodium, 42g sugar

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